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Britain defies EC partners on sanctions

Compromise fails to please the other 11

From Michael Binyon, Dublin

Britain is to defy its EC partners and lift the ban on new investment in South Africa, following deadlock on the issue at a meeting of foreign ministers here.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said the other 11 ministers rejected his proposed compromise, which would have delayed lifting the ban. Britain therefore had to do what it believed was politically right.

He admitted, however, that Mrs Thatcher's statement to the House of Commons indicating unilateral British action was made before the European Political Co-operation meeting began its talks on South Africa. She could not have known whether or not Mr Hurd had succeeded in reaching a compromise.

The voluntary ban on new investment, taken in 1986 in concert with other EC members, will be lifted as soon as the required notices have been prepared by the Department of Trade and Industry. Two other sanctions agreed at the time — bans on the import of iron ore and gold coins — were codified into Community directives, and will need unanimity before they can be removed.

Mr Hurd said Britain had taken legal advice that the conditions prompting the investment ban no longer existed. But, on legal advice, it would not attempt unilaterally to drop the other two sanctions.

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Mr Hurd urged his colleagues to respond as positively to the liberalization in South Africa as to the changes in Eastern Europe. He was supported by Portugal, but not by the Irish presidency or any other member state.

Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, said before the debate that unilateral action by Britain would destroy the credibility of the Twelve's political co-operation. He said it would leave the way open for other members to opt out of other decisions where they were in a minority.

Ministers also warned Mr Hurd that if Britain broke ranks, other EC members might unilaterally soften their stance to Libya and Syria, both countries where Britain sought and received strong support for its stance against terrorism.

In a presidency statement afterwards, Mr Collins added pointedly: "The rule we operate on ... is consensus. I think we should be very careful before we agree that anyone is taking to himself freedom of action. This would be a dangerous precedent ... and I would appeal to everyone here not to embark on such a course." The Twelve did agree to consider lifting sanctions when the state of emergency was lifted and all political prisoners released. The EC will send a troika of its past, present and future presidents — the foreign ministers of France, Ireland and Italy — to South Africa to talk to all political forces there and report back on the situation. No date has yet been fixed.

Mr Hurd said he was deeply disappointed by the failure to agree. He had proposed delaying lifting the investment ban if the EC had committed itself to doing so when the state of emergency was lifted. This had been partially supported by Mr Frans Andriessen, the EC External Affairs Commissioner. But he linked this to the troika report, which Mr Hurd said would be interpreted in South Africa as a delaying tactic, and not the encouragement President de Klerk deserved.

Mr Hurd said Mr de Klerk had put his political life on the line, and deserved support. He said President Bush had telephoned Mrs Thatcher yesterday and applauded her stand, saying he would have followed suit were he not bound by the legal restrictions of Congress.

Britain had achieved an influence in South Africa by refusing earlier to join in

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Mr Hurd: Disappointed by failure to agree on sanctions.

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Portfolio PLATINUM

- There was only one winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win is on page 33

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Miss Sophie Mirman, chairman of Sock Shop, is going to court today to have administrators appointed to keep her company running as a going concern. "In the view of the directors the long-term viability of Sock Shop will be best preserved by this action", she said. Company shares were suspended yesterday.. Page 25

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Standing up for women priests

Prayer of protest: "How long, O Lord?" reads a placard outside Church House, Westminster, Synod report, page 24.

Peace hopes high in 999 dispute

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Hopes of peace in the bitter six-month ambulance dispute rose last night when negotiators on both sides adjourned after five hours of talks saying proposals had been made which could bring a settlement.

Mr Duncan Nichol, the NHS chief negotiator, said as he left the London offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service: "We have made good progress."

Today officials from both sides will meet separately to work out details, with a formal offer then being presented tomorrow at the Whitley Council, the industry's joint negotiating body.

Although it is believed that the management side has offered more money in a two-year deal which could be worth up to 16 per cent, the union side is thought to have given ground on its insistence on pay machinery to ensure that future increases do not fall below the rate of inflation.

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Yesterday's talks had earlier been welcomed by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, as "the dawning of common sense".

Mr Clarke, who has repeatedly said during the dispute that industrial action will not win more money, told the Commons that "the Government and management have made it quite clear they are anxious to see talks resumed", adding: "I am glad to see that common sense has now dawned."

He stuck to his consistent line that to allow ambulance workers to go to arbitration would be unfair to other workers in the NHS. "It would be quite unfair to other workers and an impossible way of running the Health Service if groups of people only had to go on strike long enough in order to win their way to arbitration," he said.

Before the talks ended last night a spokesman for Acas said both sides had twice met in the same room and appeared to be making some headway.

The talks came after days of delicate negotiations by Mr Dennis Boyd, the Acas chief conciliation officer.

Two hurt in suspected IRA blast

By Stewart Tendler, Craig Seton and Quentin Cowdry

Amid fears of a new IRA onslaught, Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch last night issued an urgent warning for increased public and military vigilance after a suspected IRA attempt to blow up a military van in Leicester narrowly failed to cause rush-hour deaths.

It is thought that the bomb may have fallen from the base of the vehicle as it exploded. The blast slightly injured the driver, a woman sergeant from the Women's Royal Auxiliary Corps. A sergeant from the Coldstream Guards, who was a passenger, escaped without injury but a passerby was reported hurt by flying glass.

The bomb exploded close to a military recruiting centre and the city's main bus depot, in a street lined with offices, at the start of the rush-hour. Windows were blown out and parked cars damaged.

The fear now is that the bomb marks the start of a new onslaught by IRA active service units — suspected at one point last year of hiding somewhere in the Midlands. After a series of setbacks, when police have recovered large amounts of explosives, the IRA may now have restocked its units to begin fresh attacks. The Ministry of Defence said the blast was being treated as a bomb, although Leicester police declined to confirm this.

Miss Erica Holmes, aged 19, who witnessed the blast, said last night: "There was a terrific loud bang followed by the noise of breaking glass. I saw at least one person stumble from the van with cuts."

Thatcher fights back on poll tax

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday launched the Government's fightback on the poll tax by seeking to pin the blame for the high level of proposed community charges firmly on local government.

In an indication of how desperate the political battle over the issue has become, she made it plain to MPs that the Government intends to harry high-spending Conservative local authorities as well as what the Government sees as profligate Labour councils.

In the Commons she was harried by her own side as well as by the Opposition, with Mr Antony Speller, Conservative member for North Devon, demanding to know what had "gone wrong with the arithmetic" of the poll tax.

The Government's difficulties were underlined when two of London's staunchest Tory boroughs set community charges well above Whitehall guidelines. Redbridge, setting a poll tax of £290, 20 per cent above the guideline, said that the Government had been misleading people by setting impossibly low spending targets.

Kensington and Chelsea was planning a poll tax level of £380, compared with a government guideline of £253 and in stark contrast to the community charge of £195, £64 below the Whitehall guideline, in neighbouring Westminster.

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Whitehall was warning pointedly last night that it was "not too late" for councils planning high spending to mend their ways. If they do not, it was made clear, the

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Moscow to allow for secession

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet parliamentary leaders have introduced a draft law that would allow republics to break away from the Soviet Union after a simple referendum, the Moscow Radio publication *Interfax* said yesterday.

"The decision to secede will be made by a referendum decided on by the Supreme Soviet (parliament) of a republic or one third of the residents," *Interfax* said.

Support for secession has gathered powerful momentum in the once-independent Baltic republics. Other regions on the fringes of the Soviet Union are struggling for autonomy.

Interfax said a vote on secession would be considered valid if at least three-quarters of the adult population took part. It did not say whether a simple majority would be enough to decide the issue.

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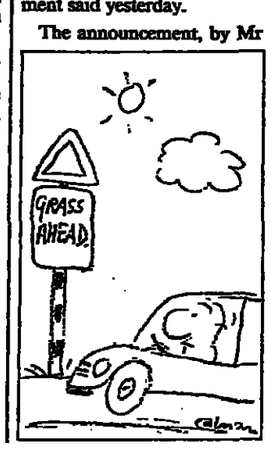
Parkinson unveils 'green' roads plan

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

Britain's multi-billion pound road-building programme will be implemented in full, and be augmented with new schemes where necessary, the Government said yesterday.

The announcement, by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, ended speculation that the Government was being forced to trim the programme because of pressure over the environmental consequences.



Unveiling the long-awaited report, *Trunk Roads — England: Into The 1990s*, Mr Parkinson gave details of more than 500 schemes in the inter-urban trunk roads programme, including 20 new road and road-improvement schemes.

The report also lists a package of "green" initiatives to reduce noise levels and improve road landscaping.

The announcement was welcomed by Mr Richard Diment, deputy director of the British Roads Federation.

But Labour dismissed the "greening" of the road programme as a "political sham."

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Snow comes too late to save holiday ski firm

By Shona Crawford Poole
Travel Editor

Long-awaited snowstorms and half-term crowds arrived in the Alps too late last week to save Just Ski, the Suffolk tour operator. It collapsed yesterday, leaving 1,400 skiers, most of them children, and 60 staff in resorts across France and Austria.

Telephone callers to the company's Lowestoft headquarters yesterday were referred by an answering machine message to the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta), whose claims department is co-ordinating a rescue operation.

Because of Abta's bonding system, skiers who are presently enjoying the best conditions so far this season, will be able to complete their holidays and return home on the dates planned. Just Ski staff will be paid by Abta to continue their jobs looking after the estimated 1,000 children and 400 adults on the pistes at Ellmau in the Austrian Tyrol and in the French resorts of Les Deux Alpes, Valloire, Montgenèvre, Briançon and Villeneuve La Salle.

It is not clear how many holidaymakers are booked to travel with Just Ski, but all will get refunds through Abta's bonding system. Cheques have already started going out to claimants of Timsway Holidays, which ceased trading last Tuesday.

Just Holidays, which trades as Just Ski, blamed a downturn in bookings for its collapse. The company, started seven years ago by Mr Nick Brooker, a former holiday courier, and Mr Glyn Bishop, a physical education teacher, specialised in school parties and direct-sell skiing holidays. Its turnover had grown to £1.7 million.

Mr David Hurst, an Abta spokesman, said it was too early to tell whether Just Ski's collapse would be the first of many. "I think the story is really that the ski people are under pressure at the moment, whether they are travel firms or tour operators, because of the exchange rates and the general financial situation. But that is not to say they are all going under. Some sections of the travel industry are doing very well indeed."

Just Ski is one of 12 skiing operators given permission by Abta to impose surcharges under recently tightened rules for self-regulation. Operators whose surcharges have passed the vetting system include Alpine Tours, Inghams, Quality Ski, Skiworld, Ski Olympic, Ski Tonic, Skibound, Ski Esprit, Ski Lovers, Schools Abroad and Ski Enterprise.

Abta has access to about £550 million in available funds in the event of the failure of travel companies which have taken out bonds. In the event of a collapse, the association pays the airlines, hotels and other suppliers of elements of those holidays already in progress.

Abta will use Just Ski's computer records to check claims. Those who wish to speed their refunds can ring the association on 01-637 2444.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Jaguar faults may hit 140,000 cars

Jaguar has been forced to recall more than 47,000 of its luxury and high-performance models for emergency repairs.

A fault traced to the braking system of the XJ6 saloons, which could affect 28,000 cars, may be "potentially dangerous", while the cruise control of 19,500 XJS sports cars and Series III saloons was also found to pose a risk.

Although the recall was confined to Britain, the company admitted last night that it would be forced to repair thousands more exported cars. A similar number to that in Britain could to be affected in the US and Europe.

Jaguar is writing to owners in Britain, warning them to contact local dealers to have repairs carried out. No accidents have been reported as a result of the faults.

Another mortgage rise

Leeds Permanent, Britain's fifth largest building society, is raising its mortgage interest rate by 0.9 per cent to 15.4 per cent. It said the increase was unavoidable to remain competitive. It will apply immediately for new borrowers and from March 1 for existing loans (Jon Ashworth writes). Last week, Abbey National and Nationwide Anglia raised mortgage rates to 15.4 per cent. Britain's largest society, the Halifax, said it expected to decide this week.

Irish appeal reserved

The Supreme Court in Dublin reserved judgement yesterday in an appeal by Mr Owen Carron, the former Fermanagh/South Tyrone MP, against extradition to Ulster. Mr Carron, aged 37, a teacher, is wanted over possession of an assault rifle near Enniskillen on December 19, 1985. He was arrested by the Irish police in Co Sligo in February 1988. His extradition was ordered by a District Court. Carron appealed against the order but it was rejected by the High Court last March.

PC jailed for perjury

A policeman who lied on oath about his earnings to try to get maintenance payments reduced was jailed for three months at Truro Crown Court yesterday. Peter Littley, aged 34, of Blackwater, Cornwall, had told magistrates in Truro in December 1987 that he was earning £660 net a month, the jury heard, but was earning £792 net, including his rent allowance. Littley denied perjury but was convicted by a unanimous verdict.

Seamen took ecstasy

Three Royal Navy seamen who experimented with the drug ecstasy were sent to a naval detention centre for 60 days yesterday. The ratings were seen sharing two tablets of the amphetamine-based stimulant in Union Street, Plymouth. Able Seamen Phillip Mason, aged 18, of HMS Sheffield, and Stephen Bales, aged 18, of HMS Brave, admitted attempted possession. Seaman Glenn Holmstrom, aged 18, of HMS Sheffield, who denied the charge, was found guilty.

Life for girl's murder

Timothy Robson, who is partially deaf, read the hands of a sign language interpreter at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday to learn that he was being jailed for life for the murder of a deaf girl, Miss Susanne Greenhill. Robson, aged 28, of Newport, Gwent, stabbed Miss Greenhill to death at her flat in Newport after raping her.

Conservatives peers oppose student loans scheme

Plans to block changes in Bill

By Sam Kiley
Higher Education Reporter

Conservative peers are planning to block the Government's Student Loans Bill on the grounds that the legislation could be unconstitutional and that they believe loans will depress the number of people going to college.

Lord Beloff, leader of the dissident Tory faction, said yesterday that changes proposed by the Government would alter the Bill significantly from the version passed by the Commons last week, when it is introduced to the Lords at the end of the month.

"We are faced with the possibility that the Bill has been approved by the Commons with one explanation about how the scheme will work and leave the Lords with quite a different one — a number of peers will argue that that is unconstitutional," Lord Beloff, a former don at Oxford University, said.

The distinguished historian's remarks follow the announcement earlier this week that Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, would amend the loans bill in the Lords to force higher education institutions to help to administer the scheme.

His statement followed a "curt meeting" on Tuesday at which the heads of all British higher education institutions said that they would only cooperate if legally required to.

Furthermore the Liberal Democrat, Earl Russell, expects cross-party support for an amendment he will introduce in the Lords which would delay the Bill until more details of how the scheme would work have been published. The move could foil the proposals altogether.

At present the Bill is a piece of "enabling" legislation four clauses long which would give Mr MacGregor powers to set up almost any loans system he saw fit.

"There is a very real concern in the House that enabling legislation is being used to circumvent the revising powers of the Lords — too much is being done by statutory instruments," Earl Russel, professor of British history at Kings College, London, said.

An example of the "acute malfunction of Parliament", he said, was that the Government recently announced its intention to remove students from the welfare system by ministerial regulation rather than by legislation subject to parliamentary approval.

The challenge from the Lords and the snub from university vice-chancellors, polytechnic directors, and college principals in England, Wales, and Scotland, are the latest in a series of setbacks to Government proposals to introduce student loans.

The scheme was first published in November 1988 by Mr Kenneth Baker, then education secretary. Originally the Government hoped to lend students £420 outside London and £460 inside the capital.

The scheme, which could not result in any savings until well into the next century, has been severely cricitized by a wide range of bodies from the National Union of Students to the Confederation of British Industry.

The cost would be met from the public purse while the administration would be handled by the high street banks.

The maintenance grant, claimed in full by about a third of students and worth about £2,500 a year, would be frozen at this year's levels while undergraduate rights to claim income support and housing benefit would be removed.

Repayments of the real-interest-rate free loans would begin when the graduate is earning 85 per cent of the average national wage.

The banks expressed reticence from the outset but their wholesale withdrawal from negotiations with ministers did not come until Lloyds, the Bank of Scotland, the Clydesdale and the Co-op banks pulled out last November — precipitating a National Union of Students' boycott campaign of all banks still talking to the Government.

In December the rest of the banks also pulled out — a move which Mr MacGregor said yesterday "merely resulted in administrative hassle" but which, according to Sir John Quinton, chairman of Barclays Bank, had the Prime Minister "fizzing with fury". Opposition politicians believe that the Prime Minister had a "secret agenda" to abolish grants altogether and replace them with a loan issued through the banks — possibly repayable at a commercial rate of interest.

However the bulk of the criticism of the scheme, which is likely to become increasingly vociferous in the House of Lords and could result in the Bill being delayed so that loans cannot be introduced by the target date of September, has centred on the fear that working class students would be put off higher education if they had to pay for part of it.

This is supported by a National Union of Students' survey, which showed 16 per cent of all students said they would not go to college if loans were introduced.

Fire-eating Cambridge University students outside King's College Chapel demonstrate their feelings about loans.

Pressure grows for Browne to resign

By Sheila Gunn
Political Reporter

Mrs Thatcher yesterday increased the pressure on Mr John Browne, the Conservative MP, to stand down before the next general election for breaching House of Commons rules.

Winchester Conservatives also demanded a special meeting to decide the future of their MP. More than 100 local members have signed a motion calling for a special meeting within 28 days and the immediate adoption of a new parliamentary candidate. Many said they believe the Tories could lose the seat if Mr Browne stands again.

During question time, the Prime Minister said the report of the Commons committee on members' interests, which upheld allegations against Mr Browne of failing to declare business interests, is "a serious one and must be considered very carefully".

Sir Geoffrey Howe, deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House, is expected to announce tomorrow when MPs will debate the report and decide what disciplinary action to take against him.

Mr Browne defended his actions, denying that he had actively lobbied at Westminster on behalf of Saudi Arabia. He said he would not resign "in present circumstances" and would put himself at the mercy of the Commons, which is expected to debate the report within the next few weeks.

In Winchester, the Conservative majority was cut from nearly 23,000 in 1979, when Mr Browne was first elected, to 7,479 in the 1987 general election. Conservative MPs do not relish a by-election in such a sensitive area.

A further threat to Mr Browne emerged yesterday when Major John Gouriet threatened to stand as an Independent Conservative in Winchester if Mr Browne stands in the next election.

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Commons defence committee report

MoD accused of 'sharp practice' over ship deal

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

A parliamentary inquiry has accused the Ministry of Defence of "at best sharp practice" by attempting to deceive Parliament and the European Commission over extra payments to Harland & Wolff of Belfast for converting a training ship.

In one of its most critical reports, the Commons defence committee traced a "bizarre fiscal gavotte" by the MoD for shifting public funds from department to department.

Its findings — as with the controversy surrounding "hidden subsidies" to British Aerospace in the Rover sale — indicate official manoeuvrings to avert the threat of the EC blocking the privatization of Harland & Wolff.

At issue is the payment of £22.5 million to the former state-owned shipbuilders to settle a claim for extra costs in converting the Italian-built container ship MV Contender Bezant into the training ship Argus.

The Tory-dominated committee concluded that the settlement was motivated by the need to reduce the shipbuilders' debts and so smooth the way for privatization.

It stated: "The evidence before us suggests a subterfuge has been attempted upon Parliament." To pass off the deal as "the settlement of a claim on a contract completed 18 months earlier is at best sharp practice", the committee added.

"It is in any event a highly undesirable way to proceed."

Reacting to the report, Mr Michael Neubert, Under Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said the story had "a happy ending" and no public money had been lost. There was nothing "untoward" in the transfer of funds between departments.

"At the end of the day ... the MoD ended up with a ship which was judged to be a success," he said in a BBC radio interview.

The committee's report found that the Ministry of Defence awarded the contract with "haste" to commit the funds before the end of the financial year rather than surrender them to the Treasury.

"The procurement of the aviation training ship provides an example of the ill-effects of excessive rigidity in annual accounting systems," the committee remarked.

Harland & Wolff won the contract from Cammell Laird after putting in a "very substantially" lower tender of £49 million.

Evidence suggests attempt at subterfuge on Parliament

The committee said: "It is reasonable to conclude that MoD was indifferent to the extent to which Harland & Wolff's price was indeed realistic, in the full confidence that another Government department would be standing by with public funds to cover any losses made. It was that calculation that has since rebounded on MoD."

The work was then held up for nine months because of a last-minute decision to try out a new approach to weapons contracts which, the committee said, was "an unfortunate misjudgement".

"The process of procurement of the Aviation Training Ship was hasty and muddled. A contract was placed with a nationalized yard at a barely realistic price, based on the costs of conversion of a vessel which the yard had only inspected cursorily.

"At the last minute the decision was taken to use the contractor as a guinea pig in experimenting with a new method of contracting for a ship's weapon system, despite the contractor's lack of recent experience in naval construction."

In August 1988 Harland & Wolff claimed an extra £45.3 million, which the MoD mainly rejected. But the EC made clear it would not approve the buy-out while the claim was outstanding. It was settled at £22.5 million last July.

The committee concluded: "While the outcome of this bizarre fiscal gavotte has been that the defence budget is shielded from the effects of the settlement, we cannot as a committee of the House of Commons pronounce ourselves as content that the Treasury has sought and obtained parliamentary authority from MoD to make a payment to Harland & Wolff plc, who pass on the funds to the Northern Ireland department of economic development, who surrender it to the Exchequer, whence a matching amount is found in the next financial year as 'a claim on the reserve' to pass back to the Ministry of Defence."

House of Commons defence committee 2nd report: Supplementary estimate class 1, vote 2 — payment to Harland & Wolff plc (Stationery Office, £6.80).

Kasparov heads off challenge

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Linares

Gary Kasparov, the world champion, and Nigel Short, the top-ranked British grandmaster, are facing their biggest challenge of the year in the category 16 tournament at Linares, southern Spain.

Category 16 is the highest officially recognized level of tournament in World Chess Federation regulations. The powerful field also includes Boris Spassky, the former world champion, and two Soviet aspirants to Kasparov's throne, Vassily Ivanchuk and Boris Gelfand, both aged 21.

The tournament is a challenge to Kasparov's powers of recuperation. During riots in Azerbaijan last month, Kasparov, a Jewish-Armenian living in Baku, flew 60 friends and relations out of danger by chartered aircraft.

Since then, he has been advising President Gorbachov on ways to handle the crisis, including advice that Soviet troops should be pulled out of Baku and stationed on the Azerbaijan/Armenia frontier.

However, after two rounds in Linares, he shares the lead with 1½ points.

His second-round game against Nigel Short has been the most exciting so far. Short, at one stage a bishop ahead, came close to victory; but when both had to make 10 moves in 30 seconds to avoid time forfeits his nerve collapsed and Kasparov won.

In the final position, Kasparov will queen a pawn by force.

	Kasparov	Short		
	White	Black	White	Black
1	c4	e5	25	Rd3	g5
2	Nc3	Nc6	26	Qb3	Qe6
3	g3	g6	27	Be3	Nc8
4	Bg2	Bg7	28	Nxb6	Qxb3
5	d3	d6	29	Nd7+	Kc7
6	e4	Be6	30	Rxb3	Kxd7
7	Nge2	Qd7	31	Rb7+	Ke8
8	Nd5	Nce7	32	Bxc5	Bf8
9	d4	c6	33	Nd4+	Ke5
10	Ne3	Bh3	34	Nxc6+	Kxe4
11	O-O	Bxg2	35	Bxe7	Nh6
12	Kxg2	exd4	36	Rc7	Nxe7
13	Nxd4	h5	37	Rxe7	Nc4
14	a4	Nh6	38	Re8	Bg7
15	Ra3	O-O-O	39	Re7	Ne3+
16	a5	h4	40	Kg1	Rg8
17	a6	b6	41	Re7+	Kd3
18	Nf3	hxg3	42	a7	Rc8
19	fxg3	f6	43	Kf2	Nd1+
20	c5	dxc5	44	Kf3	g4+
21	Qb3	Kb8	45	Kxg4	f5+
22	Rd1	Qc8	46	Kf3	Bxb2
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Kidneys-for-sale case

Doctor's secretary dismissed calls on payments to donors

By John Young

The secretary of a Harley Street specialist told a General Medical Council committee yesterday that she had attached no importance to telephone calls answering an advertisement which offered payments to kidney donors.

Knowing nothing about the advertisement at the time, Mrs Ann Whatley said she had dismissed the calls as "absolute nonsense". She had told the callers they must have a wrong number and had not noted any names or addresses.

Mrs Whatley said she had been employed as Dr Raymond Crockett's secretary at the time the advertisement appeared in international editions of *Al-Ahram*, an Egyptian newspaper.

She was giving evidence at the resumed hearing by the GMC professional conduct committee into charges of serious professional misconduct against Dr Crockett, a nephrologist; Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon; and Mr Michael Joyce a urologist, relating to the alleged sale of kidneys. All three deny the charges.

Two of the charges Dr Crockett faces are that he initiated, sanctioned or acquiesced to the publication of the advertisement and that he condoned its publication by causing or permitting his secretary to answer inquiries about it informatively.

Mrs Whatley said that on December 22, 1987, the day the advertisement appeared, Dr Crockett was absolutely furious when he came into the surgery. He had promptly dictated letters to the Medical Defence Union, to the editor of *Al-Ahram* and to an unnamed third person.

A copy of the letter to the Medical Defence Union was produced at yesterday's hearing. In it, he complained of receiving a telephone call from an unnamed person from whom he discovered that someone else, also unnamed, had placed an advertisement asking for kidney donors and inviting them to telephone Dr Crockett at his practice telephone number.

Dr Crockett says in his letter to the union: "I have to say that I consider this a serious matter, especially as I was totally unaware that such an advertisement had been placed and, indeed, had I been aware that the placing of such an advertisement was anticipated, I would not in any circumstances have allowed my name or any organization with whom I am associated to be associated with it. Hopefully there will be no repercussions to this event, but theoretically there could be."

I simply told callers it had nothing to do with us

Mrs Whatley told Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC for Dr Crockett, that she had played no part in placing the advertisement. She became aware of it after she had received "quite a lot" of telephone calls.

She did not remember details of the calls, apart from one inquiry about whether the money was to be paid in sterling or some other currency. "I remember saying to the girl who shared the office with me 'what an extraordinary thing to ask' and we both laughed about it."

Mr Arlidge asked her whether she remembered ever saying to callers that payment would be made in sterling. "Absolutely no," she replied. Had she ever said that there was absolutely no risk in a nephrectomy? "That is ludicrous, no," Mrs Whatley said.

She denied that she had told callers they could make an appointment to see Dr Crockett. She also dismissed the idea that she had told one caller, who had inquired about the identity of the would-be recipient, that it was "some rich guy from Oman". "I don't use language like that," she said.

Mrs Whatley was asked by Mr Roger Henderson, QC for the General Medical Council, whether, when she got the chance to speak to Dr Crockett on the day the advertisement appeared, she had discussed it with him. "I told him I had received a lot of strange telephone calls," she said.

Once she knew that the advertisement had appeared, that it referred to kidney donations and that Dr Crockett's name and telephone number had appeared, what had been her reaction to the calls, Mr Henderson asked.

"When the telephone rang, I simply answered that it had nothing to do with us and that was the end of the conversation."

Mrs Whatley said she had not made any note of the calls or what had been said. She denied Mr Henderson's suggestion that she had given further information.

"As a diligent, careful secretary, was it not your immediate instinct to try to keep the ball in play and make a note of their names and telephone numbers?" Mr Henderson asked. "No," she replied. "I thought the whole thing was quite ridiculous. I just didn't take any notes."

The hearing continues today.

Student accuses university of lying

Mr Foecke, with his wife Priscilla, displaying what he called new evidence to disprove allegations of cheating.

By Mark Souster

A student accused of cheating in his final examinations yesterday accused Bristol University of falsifying evidence.

At a press conference during lunch on the second day of his appeal against allegations of cheating and the university's refusal to award him an honours degree Mr Francis Foecke also accused university authorities of prevaricating moving the goalposts, and "overhauling their case with further lies".

Mr Foecke, aged 32, said: "I am now in a position to prove that I was found guilty [of cheating on three questions] on false evidence by the maths department."

He said proof would be provided during the appeal being held at the University Senate House.

In 1986 a tribunal considered nine questions answered by Mr Foecke and ruled that it was beyond reasonable doubt that he had cheated in three questions in two statistics paper during his final examinations for an honours degree in computer science and mathematics. The tribunal was suspicious of the six other answers but evidence was insufficient to say categorically that he cheated.

The board of examiners wants all nine questions to be considered in the present hearing, but Mr Foecke's legal team contends that he has already been "tried and acquitted" of cheating in those questions. Mr Foecke said the university was trying to build another case by "trying to extend the ambit to cover questions where there has never been any suspicions".

The university authorities had, he said, lost vital documents, the minutes of two meetings which set out the case against Mr Foecke in June and July 1986. "The university is prepared to lose, conveniently, the basis of their case."

He was angry that he had been denied an oral examination to prove his innocence. By the time the latest appeal is heard Mr Foecke would have spent £125,000 in trying to clear his name. The hearing continues today.

PORTFOLIO

Belated birthday surprise

The winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum competition was Mrs Alicia Windibank of Blackheath Park, London SE3. Mrs Windibank, library secretary at the South Bank Polytechnic, said the prize came as a late present for her 55th birthday, which she celebrated last Saturday. She plans to give some of the money to charity and some to her two children, a student and a recent graduate.

"I shall spend any that is left on a holiday to Salzburg," she said. "It's a beautiful city and always worth revisiting. This year, I'll go for the Advent fair. I've never seen it before, and it will be the perfect opportunity to buy Christmas presents and decorations."

Mayor gets 3-year ban after crash

A mayor was arrested at his home after he tried to push downstairs a policeman who wanted to breath test him, a court was told yesterday.

After complaints from other motorists, officers went to Mr Christopher Mason's home in Redruth, Cornwall, a week before Christmas.

Miss Louise Shields, prosecuting, said: "He had been to an office party and arrived home just after 11pm. He reversed his car twice into a parked car. This was seen by the car owner and others who contacted police.

"When police arrived Mason was in his bedroom on the first floor and tried to push an officer down the stairs when he asked him to take a breath test."

Mason, the Mayor of Truro, admitted failing to provide a specimen of breath and failing to provide a specimen for analysis. He was fined £300 and disqualified from driving for three years.

£54,238 for veterinary blunder

By David Sapsted

The owner of a thoroughbred steeplechaser tipped among the favourites for the Grand National two years ago, was awarded £54,238 in the High Court yesterday for a veterinary blunder that ended the horse's racing career.

Mr Justice Popplewell ruled that an operation on the horse's broken foreleg had been carried out negligently and awarded Mr Shine the damages against York veterinary surgeons, Brown Grant and Partners. They had denied the allegation.

The court was told that in March 1987 Deep South pulled up after winning a Grand National trial with a fractured left foreleg. Mr Martin Collins, a partner in the firm since 1983, carried out an operation involving the insertion of two screws.

Mr Justice Popplewell said that Mr Collins was a highly-qualified vet but there had been a failure to screw the pins into the horse's leg parallel to each other and said that that error could not be categorized as anything but negligent. After the operation an "aggressive degenerative joint disease" affected the horse.

Brown Grant and Partners said the degeneration was a result of the fracture but the judge, awarding damages and costs against the veterinary practice, concluded that if the operation had been carried out properly there were "reasonable though not certain prospects" that the horse would have run again.

Mr Shine gave his address as the Rubicon Sporting Club, Regent Street, Nottingham.

Priest 'unwittingly signed forged will'

By Craig Seton

A Jesuit priest unwittingly witnessed a will being forged in the name of Lady Illingworth, the widow of a former Conservative cabinet minister, leaving most of her estimated £1 million estate to her niece, Baroness de Stempel, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Timothy Barnes, QC, for the prosecution, said the Baroness's country cottage effectively became a "forgery factory" as she and other members of her family conspired to strip Lady Illingworth of her wealth. He alleged that Father Joseph Dooley was invited to the house to make the forged will more credible. Three distinguished members of the Wilberforce family were to receive "bequests" to deflect any suspicion over the authenticity of the document.

The prosecution has alleged that Baroness de Stempel, aged 55, was not a beneficiary in a will made in 1975 by Lady Illingworth, widow of Lord Illingworth of Denton, Postmaster General from 1916 to 1921. It is alleged that Lady Illingworth died penniless and senile in a council old peoples' home in 1986 after her signature was forged on more than 60 documents.

Baron de Stempel, aged 60, of Hampstead, north London, the former husband of the baroness, and two of her children, Marcus Wilberforce, aged 28, of Heath House, Clungunford, Hereford and Worcester, and Sophia Wilberforce, aged 27, of Stanslake Road, west London, deny conspiracy to steal from Lady Illingworth, a descendant of William Wilberforce, the anti-slavery campaigner.

The jury at Birmingham Crown Court has been told that Baroness de Stempel, of Forrester's Hall Cottage, Docklow, Hereford and Worcester, was not being tried for reasons it should not speculate on. Mr Barnes said yesterday that apart from Baroness de Stempel as the main beneficiary, Lady Illingworth's allegedly forged will named three others who would benefit.

They were the Baroness's brother, William Wilberforce, the former High Commissioner to Cyprus, of Markington Hall, near Ripon, North Yorkshire, and Colonel William Wilberforce, of the Royal Marines, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, who were to receive £25,000 each, and Richard Orme, Baron Wilberforce, of Kingston Upon Hull, a former Lord of Appeal, who was to receive £10,000 "in recognition of his having added lustre to the family name".

Baron de Stempel: Cottage a 'forgery factory'.

Mr Barnes said those words were not the sort Lady Illingworth would have used. The flowery, grandiose expression had the hallmarks of Baron de Stempel. By giving the bequests to men of distinction and integrity, any suspicion would be disarmed.

He said two witnesses were needed to witness the will at the Baroness's cottage, where Lady Illingworth, confused and unaware, had been invited to stay while her jewels, stocks and shares, antiques and furniture were stolen.

Father Dooley had taught the Baron's son at Stonyhurst, the Roman Catholic college, and received an unexpected invitation to spend a weekend at Docklow. Father Dooley and the second witness, a friend of the Baroness, were unaware of the legal requirements of witnessing a will.

Mr Barnes said the will already bore the "signature" of Lady Illingworth. As the witnesses prepared to sign, Miss Sophia Wilberforce persuaded the old lady to leave the room with the promise of a glass of sherry in the kitchen.

He alleged a letter was forged, purporting to be a request from Lady Illingworth to her solicitor, asking that she no longer should be buried alongside her husband but cremated without the presence of the Wilberforce family and with no public announcement.

Mr Barnes said: "One of the saddest features of this case was that not only was this old lady stripped of much of her wealth in her life, mercifully unaware of what was happening, but even after her death she was denied her wish to be buried with her husband."

The trial continues today.

Navy court martial

Instructor thought officer was 'acting'

By David Sapsted

A Royal Navy instructor thought a trainee was playacting just before he collapsed from heat stroke and went into a coma on a survival exercise in the New Forest, a court martial in Portsmouth was told yesterday.

Lieutenant Gordon Smith, aged 36, denies two charges of ill-treating Sub-Lieutenant Simon Rowland, aged 23, who spent 15 days in a coma and was left with brain damage. He collapsed after going for three days without food during the course in Hampshire last July.

Although Lieutenant Smith admitted yesterday that he had made violent threats to the young officer to encourage him during the course, he said: "I feel I did as much as anyone to save Simon's life."

The instructor, a former Royal Marine, admitted he would push the recruits to the limit "and then a bit further", but he said he had believed Sub-Lieutenant Rowland was as fit as anyone else on the course. There was "no way I would deliberately hurt any one of my students," he said.

Lieutenant Smith said he saw the officer running from side to side like a drunk and thought he was acting. "I started to run back and I was shouting at him. I admit I probably called him a wimp and I may have said: 'Don't think we won't leave you here'.

"It was at that point I became concerned. He stumbled heavily like a falling hippopotamus and it was certainly not put on. I arrived and he fell at my feet, almost on top of me."

The instructor denied allegations that he had punched the officer on the neck after he collapsed. Mr John Parmenter, a former RN petty officer, of Blackfield, Southampton, told the first day of the court martial that he was walking in the woods when he saw the instructor hit the back of Sub-Lieutenant Rowland's head.

Lieutenant Smith, of Yeovil, Somerset, said Mr Parmenter had "sadly misconstrued" what he saw, although the instructor admitted grabbing the trainee by the hair and shouting at him to get up. "My encouragement to get him up on his feet stopped him from becoming unconscious.

"I thought he had either fainted or was feeling faint. We get a lot of students who faint because they have not had anything to eat for three days. I grasped his hair with both hands and pulled his face up – and he started to get up. I asked him if he was all right and he said: 'Yes, Gordon'.

Lieutenant Smith, who said he had taken 400 trainees through the four-day course on survival behind enemy lines, said he had offered physical and verbal "encouragement" to Sub-Lieutenant Rowland.

He said he had no reason to think the recruit was suffering from heat stroke and, although Sub-Lieutenant Rowland was exhausted, he considered he was fit to take part in the final 200m sprint across open ground in the high temperatures.

Sub-Lieutenant Rowland: he had failed three medicals.

Lieutenant Smith said he had not been told that Sub-Lieutenant Rowland had failed three medicals for a place in the Royal Naval Air Service and was more than a stone overweight.

"Had I known he had failed the medical, I would not have pushed him as hard as the others," he said.

The court martial continues today.

Sanderson affair kept secret

The Olympic and Commonwealth javelin champion Tessa Sanderson told the High Court yesterday that she had kept an affair with a married bodybuilder secret because it would have shocked and distressed her mother.

She repeated her denials that she "stole" Mr Derrick Evans, aged 37, from his wife Jewel.

She claimed she did not have sexxual intercourse with him until February 1989, *months after he had left his* wife. She did not tell her mother that she had started to live with a married man "because it would have caused her considerable shock and distress".

Miss Sanderson, aged 33, was continuing her evidence on the second day of her claim for libel damages over articles in the *Sunday Mirror* and *The People* in March last year which accused her of enticing Mr Evans from his wife. She claims the articles were "vicious and unpleasant" and left her feeling "cheap and dirty".

Cross-examined by Mr George Carman, QC, for Mirror Group Newspapers, she said there was no sex during a Christmas holiday she spent with Mr Evans in Jamaica in 1988. She had shared a bedroom with his daughter, Caroline.

She had earlier told the court that before the affair began they had a "purely business" relationship.

She agreed Mrs Evans might regard her as "callous and a bitch". If she was in the wife's position would feel the same. If she was married she would expect "honesty and loyalty" from her husband.

Miss Sanderson seeks damages from Mirror Group Newspapers and two journalists, Sandra White and Steven Warr, who all deny libel.

The hearing continues today.

ITV leads ratings with 45% share of viewers

ITV's viewing figures are moving ahead of its rivals' against an overall decline in television watching in the first weeks of the year (Simon Tait writes).

Figures show ITV's audience share at 45 per cent, while its nearest rival, BBC 1, had just over 37 per cent. That represents a 2 per cent increase for ITV against an overall 3-per cent drop in audiences for the four network channels.

To maintain its position, ITV is to invest £100 million in its spring programmes, which were announced yesterday.

The quiz show "The $64,000 Question" is being brought back with Bob Monkhouse lured from the BBC to be its host.

The Prince of Wales features in a documentary on young community volunteers and is interviewed by Michael Aspel.

P G Wodehouse's Jeeves and Bertie Wooster, first brought to television by BBC2 in the 1960s, with the late Denis Price and Ian Carmichael, returns on ITV starring Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie.

Politicians say teachers' council will boost morale

By David Tytler
Education Editor

Pressure mounted last night for a professional body to oversee the country's 400,000 teachers as leading Conservative and Labour politicians said it was an essential element in improving classroom morale.

Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that he would consider any firm proposals put to him.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former education minister, and Mr Jack Straw, Labour's front bench spokesman on education, told a conference on teacher morale that a General Teachers' Council together with increased pay would play a big part in improving the poor state of British education.

Sir Rhodes, the former headmaster of an inner London comprehensive school, said that the state of British education was the "Achilles' heel of the Thatcher economic revolution".

He said a General Teachers' Council should be set up to oversee standards and to "give a true sense of professionalism" with national colleges set up to train teachers for promotion.

Mr Straw said that such a council would not replace the unions but would maintain the status, standing and morale of teachers. In the meantime, the six teacher unions should unite in presenting a common front to the Government when asking for pay and conditions of work.

Mr MacGregor said that he would consider firm proposals for a General Teacher's Council when he received them. He denied that the plans were being blocked by his department and said the unions had not yet agreed on a suitable plan.

Sir Rhodes told the London conference of politicians, union leaders, and educationists that morale would be improved by more pay and assistance with housing in London and the South-east but that it was also necessary to raise the professional status of teachers.

He said: "Unless we start to pay teachers properly and treat them as professionals there is no way that education will improve in Britain. Unless it is, it could put at risk all our economic and political future.

"There is no doubt that there is a crisis of confidence in the teaching profession ... Never in my lifetime – which included 23 years as a school teacher and headmaster – has the morale of teachers been so low.

"In certain schools because of increased indiscipline in the classroom, a low-morale profession has also become a high-risk profession, not so much for fear of physical assault but by the strain on the nerves by the battle for order and purpose in the classroom."

● The GCSE examination has led to a decline in standards among the most able and least able children and should be scrapped in its present form, according to a report published today.

It recommends that non-academic children should be allowed to leave school at 14 to take a job or a full-time training course and that more rigorous examinations be introduced for children who want to stay on to 16 or enter university.

In the report written for the Institute of Economic Affairs, a right-wing pressure group, Mr Lawrence Norcross, a former headmaster of an inner London comprehensive school, says that the Government must take action now to halt the decline in standards resulting from the GCSE.

He writes: "The GCSE is an examinatfion which had lost its way before it had even started its journey.

"If it is to establish the credibility essential to its role in maintaining and raising educational standards its objectives and methods must be completely reappraised."

Mr Norcross says that many pupils of 14 are bored with school and receive no benefit from the GCSE. He recommends the introduction of national tests at 14 which, if passed, could allow children to leave school provided they went into employment or a full-time training course. He says that would reduce absenteeism and classroom disruption "to the relief not only of teachers but pupils whose educational progress – and sometimes personal safety – is threatened".

Dr Peter Brown, a GCSE chief examiner and former chief examiner for O levels, writes in the same report that the academic rigour of the O levels has been lost in the new examination largely because the Government's attempts at reform are blocked by the educational establishment.

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● A government decision to allow one school to opt-out of local authority control would cause "major havoc" to the majority of the other children, the High Court was told yesterday.

The court was asked to rule whether Mr MacGregor was acting unreasonably when he allowed the 800-pupil Beechen Cliff boys' school in Bath to opt out from April.

Avon Council's action is the first legal challenge to opt-out schools.

The hearing continues today.

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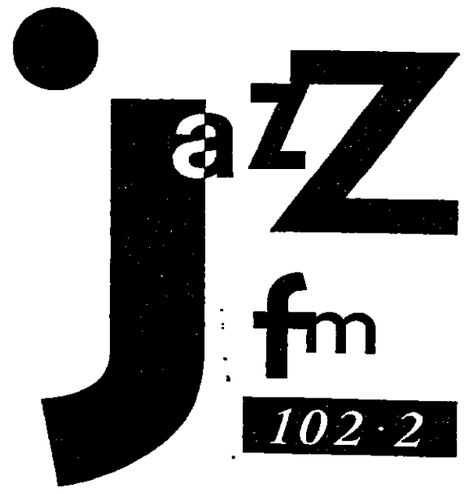

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THE GUINNESS TRIAL

Saunders 'ordered dealer's loss to be paid'

By Paul Wilkinson and Angela Mackay

A businessman who helped Guinness in its illegal share-support operation during its takeover of Distillers, tried to distance himself from the affair once Department of Trade and Industry inspectors began investigating the deal, the jury was told yesterday.

Mr Ephraim Margulies, chairman of the S & W Berisford food group, was paid more than £3.4 million by Guinness for buying over £14 million worth of Guinness shares, Mr Olivier Roux, Guinness' former finance director, said during his second day of evidence at the Guinness trial at Southwark Crown Court in London.

Mr Roux said that shortly after the DTI inquiry began in December 1986, Mr Parnes told him that Mr Margulies was trying to "frame him" over the payment he had received from Guinness.

Mr Parnes, who had set up the deal between Guinness and Mr Margulies, said he was trying to make it look like the company which received the payment was controlled by Mr Parnes.

Mr Roux has been granted an immunity from prosecution in return for providing detailed evidence.

Mr Roux described a meeting between Ernest Saunders, former chief executive of Guinness plc, and Mr Margulies.

It took place in late March 1986 at the height of the takeover battle for Distillers at the New Piccadilly Hotel where Mr Saunders had been staying to be close to the centre of activities.

"The essence of the meeting was that Mr Margulies would confirm that he was going to help Guinness and said he would expect nothing from Guinness except the same kind of help and comfort if he needed help in some trouble in the future," Mr Roux said.

The meeting had been arranged by Mr Parnes.

Mr Roux said that Mr Saunders was grateful for the help offered as at the time it was just the sort of support Guinness needed.

Later Mr Parnes told Mr Roux that Mr Margulies had bought between three million and four million shares in Guinness at a cost of between £14 million and £15 million.

Mr Parnes subsequently told him that Mr Margulies had sold the shares and suffered a loss.

He told Mr Roux that he thought Guinness should pay compensation for his participation, but Mr Roux said that his understanding was that Guinness had no obligation to help Mr Margulies for his support.

He discussed the matter with Mr Saunders and they came to the conclusion that it would be better to pay Mr Margulies for good commercial reasons as he might well call in the "debt" and expect more from Guinness than he had done for them.

He talked again to Mr Parnes and they decided that it should be dealt with in the same way as they had paid off Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Group; a success fee based on the capital invested and payment of his losses sustained, including interest for the time the company's money was tied up in Guinness shares.

Mr Parnes subsequently obtained two invoices from Mr Margulies which he presented to Mr Roux on June 10 1986.

One was for £1,940,000 for a company called CIFCO and the second was for £1,495,000 owed to a company named Erlanger.

Mr Roux said there were no details on the invoice about what the money was for but it seemed a reasonable amount for the support the Margulies Group had given.

He spoke to Mr Saunders, who confirmed the payment should be authorized and then produced two cheques which he gave to Mr Parnes personally to hand over. He heard nothing more about CIFCO until December 1986 when Mr Parnes contacted him saying he was concerned about the company.

They arranged dinner with their wives at Mr Parnes' home. After the meal Mr Parnes told him that Mr Margulies was attempting to make it look as if the CIFCO payment had been made to Mr Parnes personally.

Mr Parnes admitted that CIFCO had paid him a commission of £340,000 but he thought it was likely Mr Margulies was trying to make it look as if he had received the whole £1.9 million.

That was shortly after the Department of Trade and Industry had announced its investigation into the Guinness takeover of Distillers.

Later that same evening Mr Margulies arrived at the house with two business associates. One was a Mr Zuckerman, a senior executive of the Margulies' US interests and the other was Mr Charles Rosenbaum, the manager of CIFCO in Geneva.

Mr Roux spoke initially to Mr Margulies on his own during which he told him it was not true that CIFCO was a Parnes company and he would not accept that, but it was agreed that Guinness had a duty to keep CIFCO's involvement with the arrangements "out of the picture". Mr Margulies asked him "not to volunteer any connection between CIFCO and Mr Margulies and the Berisford group of companies and we agreed we would find ways for CIFCO to show it had earned the money," Mr Roux said.

CIFCO was engaged in two forms of business. One was barter trading and the other was called paralleling, in which companies buy highly priced goods like such as perfume or alcohol in markets where the prices are relatively low to sell them in markets where prices are high.

Mr Roux said that he saw there was potential for Guinness to take advantage of that business as they suffered, particularly in Japan, from such discrepancies in prices.

It was agreed that Mr Rosenbaum would produce documents from CIFCO purporting to show arrangements of that nature. It was also agreed they should be backdated. In the next few days Mr Roux told Mr Saunders what had been agreed. "He gave no serious reaction, he just said thank you for telling me," Mr Roux said. Towards the end of December 1986 he received two letters from Mr Rosenbaum. One was dated February 26 and the second November 7. The first purported to set out an agreement between CIFCO and Guinness in which CIFCO would provide expertise and advice on penetrating Third World markets and also areas where Guinness might face financial control difficulties. It would be a two-year agreement at a fee of £1.8 million and expenses. Mr Roux said: "I destroyed that letter because I was not prepared to become involved in that." The second letter discussed arrangements for links within the brewing area of Guinness's activities.

Mr Roux (left), who gave evidence under immunity, and Mr Margulies, who is said to have bought Guinness shares worth up to £15 million and made losses when selling them.

Mr Roux said that early in 1987 after he had left Guinness he contacted Mr Rosenbaum in Munich on behalf of Guinness and urged him to repay the money Guinness had given them.

Mr Chadwick continued to question Mr Roux about Guinness's payment of indemnity and success fees related to Guinness's £2.6 billion bid for Distillers.

Mr Roux said that Sir Jack Lyons spoke to him in mid-June 1986 about Guinness repaying Z Bank, an Austrian institution, £250,000 it had lost as a result of buying Guinness shares to support the price during the bid. Mr Roux said Mr Saunders had agreed to compensate Z Bank.

Mr Chadwick questioned Mr Roux about Sir Jack's employment with Bain and Co, the consultants, and Mr Roux said Sir Jack had been a consultant since 1982. In 1986, for example, he had received $100,000 as a payment for his services.

Mr Roux said in addition to the £25,000 a month contract for one year, Mr Ward, Mr Saunders and Sir Jack had agreed to pay a success fee of £3.3 million if Guinness won the bid. Mr Roux said Sir Jack "played a key role" in the takeover.

Mr Roux said he received an invoice for £345,000 for the first half of Sir Jack's success fee. That money was forwarded to J Lyons Chamberlain, Sir Jack's investment management services company, by order of Mr Saunders. The payment voucher was dated May 12 1986. Later that month Mr Roux received a second invoice from Sir Jack for £3 million which was also approved by Mr Saunders and was subsequently paid to a Swiss company, Konsultat SA, on May 29.

Mr Parnes's success fee was negotiated by Mr Ward, Mr Saunders and Sir Jack, Mr Roux said. They decided he should receive £3.35 million. Mr Parnes invoiced Guinness in early June and requested the money be paid to a Swiss company, C and L.

Mr Roux was questioned about a $100,000 payment made to an American lawyer, Mr Thomas Ward, in the summer of 1984.

He said Mr Ward had been unhappy about the terms of his retainer for working for Guinness and had negotiated an arrangement which gave him a $75,000 annual fee and the $100,000 fee as a one-off payment. The money was paid into a company based in Jersey.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC for Mr Saunders, then asked for a day before he began cross-examination to raise a point of law before the judge.

The jury is not expected to return to the court until tomorrow..

THE CHARGES

Ernest Saunders, aged 54, of Putney, south-west London, former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, two charges of conspiring to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act; two charges of authorizing or permitting Guinness to contravene the Companies Act; eight charges of false accounting; two of theft; one of destroying company documents.

Gerald Ronson, aged 50, of Hampstead, north-west London, head of the Heron International group, one charge of conspiring to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act; one charge of aiding Mr Saunders to permit Guinness to contravene the Companies Act; two charges of false accounting; one of theft.

Anthony Parnes, aged 44, stockbroker, of London, five charges of false accounting; two of theft.

Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, financier, of Kensington, west London, one charge of conspiring to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act; one charge of conspiracy to contravene the Companies Act; one charge of aiding Saunders to permit Guinness to contravene the Companies Act; four charges of false accounting; one of theft.

Help from prisoners

Four prisoners serving long sentences in a Scottish jail are refurbishing a home for the handicapped in Fleetwood, Lancashire, it was disclosed yesterday. It is the first time prisoners in Scotland have been allowed to do community work in England.

The men — one of whom is serving a life sentence and another 18 years — are from Penninghame open prison, at Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway. The Lakeland View centre, 180 miles away, has 50 disabled residents.

Rare donation

Three Welsh donors have given blood to a woman who is seriously ill in Cincinnati, Ohio. The donors, one from Dyfed and two from Newport, Gwent, have a blood type found in one in 150,000 people.

Boy strangled

A boy aged one, is thought to have strangled himself in his cot. Juan Roberto Perez, of Mytholmroyd, near Halifax, West Yorkshire, wore a plastic chain around his neck, which may have tightened as he slept.

Man charged

A man aged 25 appeared before Warrington magistrates charged with the murder of David Hunt, a postmaster, in Manchester Road, Woolston, Cheshire, on Sunday. He was William James Miskimmin, of no fixed address.

Store fined

The Save It discount store, of Kingsteignton, Devon, was fined £4,500 for selling underweight fruit and for overcharging at the tills.

Crime success

South Yorkshire had the lowest crime rate of any metropolitan area last year, in spite of having the fewest policemen per head of population.

Sea mystery

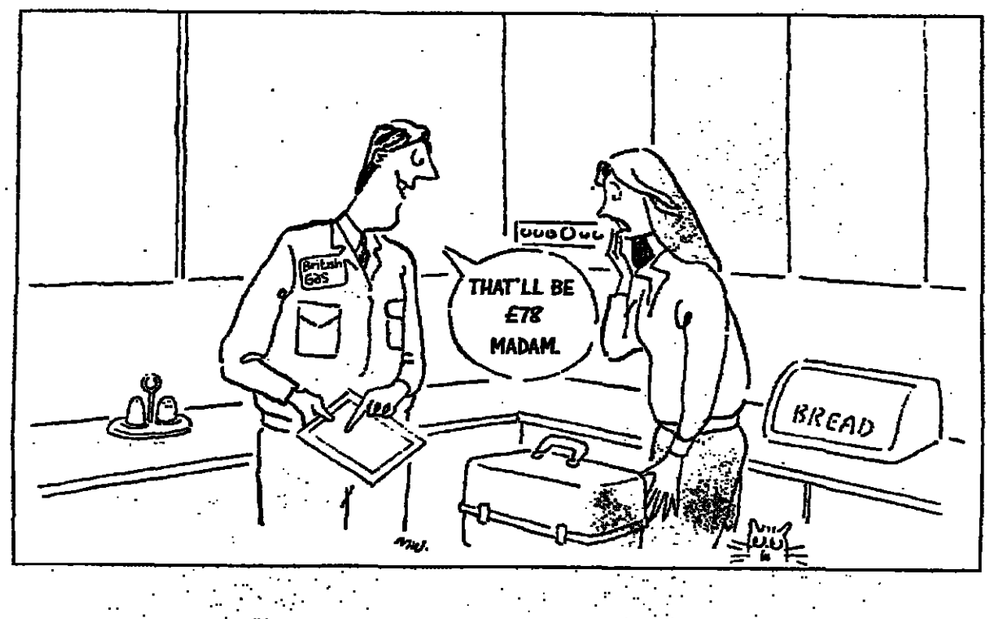
Police are trying to identify a woman who drowned after jumping from the B&I night ferry 10 miles after it left Dublin. She was 5ft 6in tall with mousy hair and had no luggage.

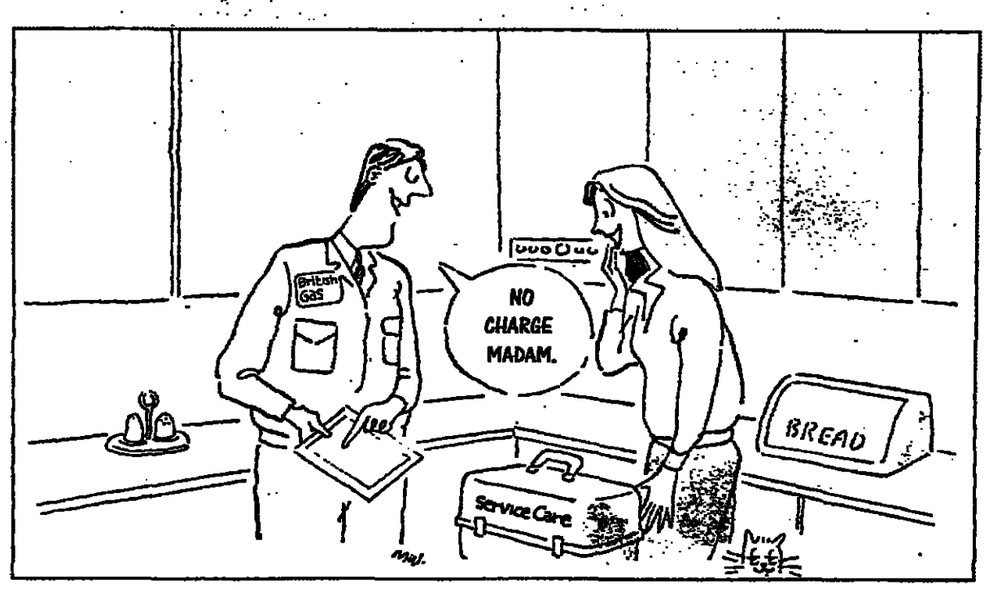
Jewels found

Jewellery worth £25,000, which was placed in a bin bag for safekeeping, was found on a council tip after a six-day search. It had been left with the rubbish at Ledstone Way, Weston Coyney, Staffordshire, by mistake. The owner, Mrs Ahmed, gave the finder £200.

Woman killed

A woman aged 41 died in a house blaze at Beach Road, Hartford, Cheshire, but her son aged 15 and a woman aged 20 escaped. Police have not released the name of the victim.





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Revised road transport expansion

Big increase in trunk route network to ease congestion

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

More than 500 new road schemes, including expansion projects announced in the roads White Paper last year and 20 additional schemes, will be largely completed by 2000, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, announced yesterday.

A new roads report, *Trunk Roads - England: Into The 1990s*, published yesterday, provides a detailed account of construction and maintenance progress of 6,600 miles of motorway and other strategic routes in the past three years, as well as the cost of construction proposals.

The report comes after the expanded roads programme announced last year, which envisages extra capacity on the present 1,795 miles of motorway networks by adding 86 miles of new motorway and widening more than 500 miles of existing motorway in the the next decade. The 20 schemes added to the programme, including the widening of the M4 between junctions 12 and 14, the dualling of the last six miles of the B2060 into Dover and the dualling of the A140 across Suffolk, will add another £223 million to the cost.

The report reiterated the Government's commitment to delivering the expanded roads programme "as a matter of priority". The programme was costed in 1987 prices at more than £12 billion and is estimated to cost about £15 billion to £16 billion at present.

The report says that because higher economic activity and prosperity have led to a big increase in demand for transport and travel, there is "over three times the volume of passenger transport and twice the amount of freight transport as 40 years ago".

Recently revised traffic forecasts saw an increase of between 83 and 142 per cent in vehicles by 2025, increasing the number of vehicles from 23 million to a maximum of 32 million in the first quarter of next century.

The report said that traffic growth had brought severe congestion, which would get much worse unless action was taken to expand the roads network.

"Action is necessary because congestion imposes higher costs on the consumer, and reduces the competitiveness of British industry; it leads to more accidents; it encourages traffic to use unsuitable roads; and it wastes fuel, thereby increasing exhaust emissions."

The report emphasizes that the "mobility, flexibility and convenience afforded by a car is greatly prized by the private motorist," which cannot be readily substituted by increased rail services. "Even a 50 per cent increase in rail traffic would be equivalent to only five per cent of present road traffic," it said.

Acknowledging growing concern over the consequences of increased vehicle numbers on emissions of carbon dioxide, the principle greenhouse effect gas, the report said the greenhouse effect was a "global problem" requiring "concerted international action".

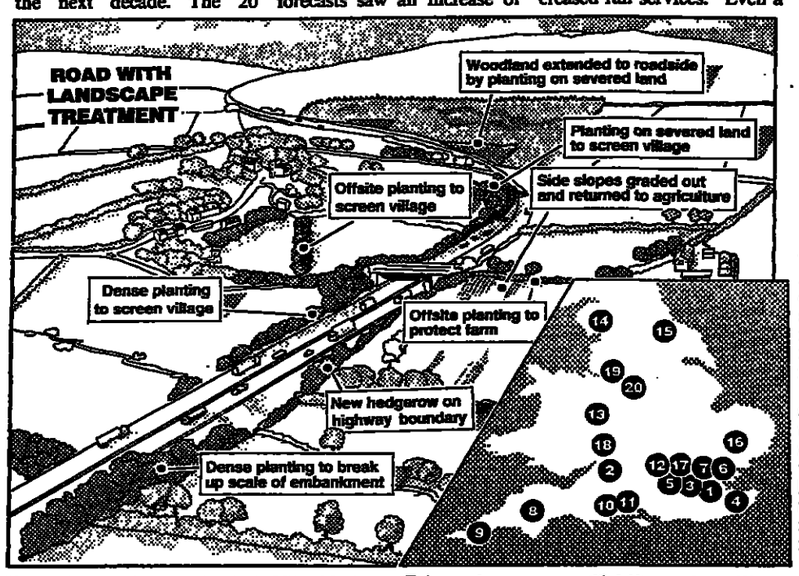
It attacked the anti-roads lobby. "The scope for reducing emissions from the transport sector — which accounts for some 20 per cent of Britain's carbon dioxide emissions — will be considered more fully there. But to stop further inter-urban road improvement would not stop traffic growth, since demand is largely determined by growth in the economy.

"Experience in urban areas, and on unimproved trunk roads, has shown that road users will put up with long delays, change their travel times or use less suitable routes where space capacity still exists. And in the stop-start conditions caused by congestion, motor vehicles produce more exhaust emissions," the report says.

The report contains initiatives to minimize the environmental impact of road construction, including improved landscaping, a substantial increase in tree planting, measures to reduce motorway noise and a £500,000 grant increase to English Heritage for archaeological works.

It said that between 1987 and last year, 83 national trunk road schemes costing more than £1 million each were completed, bringing relief to badly congested sections of motorway and trunk roads and adding 289 miles of new or improved roads.

Defending the decision to press ahead with the proposals, Mr Parkinson said: "My aim is to achieve a balance between the various forms of transport so that each can make its proper contribution to a safer, more environmentally friendly and efficient transport system."



New schemes to be added: 1 M2 widening between jns 3 and 4; 2 M4 widening between jns 12 and 15; 3 A2 Kidbrooke Park Road interchange; 4 A2 Lydden (B2060) Dover dualling; 5 A3 M25-A245 improvement; 6 A12 Whalebone Lane jn improvement; 7 A12 Gallows Corner intersection improvement; 8 A30 Woodleigh Grade separated junction; 9 A30 Carland Cross-Zelah improvement; 10 A31 Stag Gate improvement; 11 A31 Winterborne Zelstone improvement; 12 A40 Long Lane-West End Road; 13 A49 Craven Arms by-pass; 14 A66 Temple Sowerby by-pass and improvement to Winderwarth; 15 A66 Longnewton Grade separated junction; 16 A140 Beacon Hill (A45)-Scole dualling; 17 A406 Ironbridge-Neasden improvement; 18 A43/A438 south of Evesham-M5 improvement; 19 A523 Packsaddle-Rushton Spencer improvement; 20 A523 Miles Knoll-Waterhouses improvement.

Time starts again at Hatfield

The 17th century wooden clock tower on Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, back in working order after being damaged by fire in 1988. A giant crane was used to lift the tower off the top of the house, 100ft up, so it could be restored at ground level. Both original lead clock faces have been replaced, one had melted in the fire (left), the other was worn away with age. The house, built in 1607 for Robert Cecil, remains the Marquis of Salisbury's family home. It is open to the public from March 25 to October 14.

Scrutineer of TGWU elections to quit

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Mr Rhys Vaughan, a Manchester solicitor and left-wing member of the city council, has offered his resignation as independent scrutineer of the elections for the executive committee of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

This follows serious allegations of ballot-rigging made in *The Independent on Sunday* newspaper, which Mr Vaughan is suing for libel.

Yesterday the executive of the union endorsed the action of Mr Ron Todd, general secretary, in re-running the ballot following the removal of a supply of ballot papers from the union's London headquarters. They expressed support for Mr Todd's efforts to find out how that happened.

The decision, which will cost the union up to £500,000, was taken by Mr Todd after the discrepanices came to light. Mr Todd said on February 9 that the ballot would have to be re-run because of a "breach of security at headquarters involving a supply of ballot papers which had been held for issue to members who hadn't had a chance to vote through some clerical or other oversight".

Mr Todd said yesterday he has written to Mr Vaughan regretting that he was withdrawing as independent scrutineer and assuring him of his continuing confidence "in your ability to fulfil the legal requirements of this role".

The letter added: "Nevertheless I do recognize that the scurrilous article in *The Independent on Sunday* will undoubtedly affect your ability in maintaining the confidence of the membership."

The union has asked the Electoral Reform Society to act as scrutineer for the fresh ballot, which concludes on March 23.

Anglo-Irish talks

Brooke wins support in province

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is to meet Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Affairs Minister, in London today for talks on recent political developments in the province.

Mr Brooke is expected to brief Mr Collins on his latest round of discussions with the constitutional parties in the province.

Yesterday, after meeting representatives of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, Mr Brooke said: "The great virtue of the meetings has been that matters have been brought into significantly sharper focus".

Mr John Hume, leader of the SDLP, criticized Unionist politicians for failing to agree on the conditions for talks.

Mr Hume said: "I think that one of the obstacles to talks at the moment is that the Unionist parties haven't really got their act together and I'm saying, 'Get your act together' because we are waiting to sit down and talk to you."

The SDLP meeting came after discussions between Mr Brooke and the two Unionist leaders, Mr James Molyneaux of the Ulster Unionist Party and Mr Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionist Party, on Monday afternoon. Afterwards the two leaders spoke warmly of Mr Brooke's attentive approach and his commitment to "consult and consider" before responding at a further meeting scheduled for the middle of next month.

The present position is a stand-off based on mutually exclusive approaches to the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley say they are willing to talk if the Government assures them in advance it is prepared to replace the existing agreement and then agrees to suspend the Anglo-Irish Conference and the Secretariat at Maryfield.

Mr Hume will talk on condition that the status of the present agreement is not jeopardized, although he is prepared to arrive at a "superior" agreement which will "transcend" the present treaty through negotiations.

● The Prime Minister was urged yesterday to set up a full judicial inquiry into allegations by Mr Colin Wallace that the security services operated a dirty tricks campaign against politicans in Ireland and the United Kingdom (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour spokesman on Northern Ireland affairs, said the inadequacies of previous investigations together with new information meant that a judicial inquiry was needed to give proper consideration to Mr Wallace's claims.

His demand came after disputed comments by a former Commander of Land Forces Northern Ireland which contradicted statements made to the House of Commons by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence.

Sir Peter Leng was reported to have been asked by MI5 officials to release material designed to discredit members of extremist groups on both sides of the sectarian divide. He was also reported to have confirmed that the Army was aware of homosexual abuse at the Kincora boys' home in east Belfast.

Solicitors wary over training changes

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

More than 100 solicitors' firms in the City of London are being urged to attend a meeting next month to discuss controversial proposals to revamp solicitors' training.

The firms, which belong to the City of London Solicitors' Company, are concerned about the proposals contained in a consultative draft paper to be issued this week.

The paper seeks to make the training of solicitors more relevant and to open up entry to people from a wider background, to those who cannot fund themselves or who want to qualify part-time.

The document, which comes before the Law Society strategy committee this week, says the one-year professional course for graduates should be abolished to be replaced by a skills-oriented six-month course.

The Law Society finals examination would be scrapped. Instead, a final examination would be set by the institutions which run the finals course; the Law Society College of Law and a number of polytechnics.

The examination would probably change from a test of facts to the testing of skills, with course assessment.

Mr John Young, Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company, which represents several thousand solicitors, said yesterday: "People are concerned about these proposals.

"The traditional view is that we should retain a stiff final examination. We are all slightly mistrustful as to how, if the colleges are to test the students, one can get a satisfactorily or consistently applied method of assessment."

The consultation paper comes in the wake of earlier proposals which failed to win Law Society council backing. A small sub-committee was set up to to redraft proposals which are to come before the council meeting in May.

● A fleet of buses is being laid on to bring about 4,000 students from universities, polytechnics and colleges nationwide to the first national Law Fair on March 15 and 16.

The fair, at the Business Design Centre, north London, is being organized by the University of London Careers Advisory Service, *The Times* and the Law Society.

Some 70 employers of law and other graduates will have stands.

More details from: 01 387 8221.

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American Association for the Advancement of Science conference

Superpowers urged to release secret ice-field data

From Pearce Wright
Science Editor
New Orleans

The world's leading climatologists called on the United States and Soviet Union governments yesterday to release information they have gathered secretly about the thickness of the vast ice fields of the Arctic and Antarctic.

The request came at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at which members of five key research groups, four in America and one in Britain, discussed their latest calculations on the expected rise in "greenhouse effect" warming of the atmosphere.

The researchers agree that by the time the build-up of carbon dioxide discharged into the atmosphere from industry has doubled the temperature will have risen by 2.8C to 4.2C.

The pattern of monsoons and snowfall across the world will shift, and the level of rainfall will increase between 7 and 15 per cent.

The consequences of change on this scale are dramatic. But the scientists are unable to be more precise in their predictions without a large amount of additional data.

Professor Michael Schlesinger, of the University of Illinois, said the information about the thickness of the polar ice sheets was one of six important missing pieces of the greenhouse-effect jigsaw.

He pleaded for a "sea-ice Glasnost" under which the American and Russian navies would release the sonar measurements of ice thickness made as an essential part of routine submarine navigations.

He said it should be a straightforward matter to provide the figures of average thickness across vast areas, together with seasonal changes, without disclosing the precise tracks and hideaways of the nuclear submarine fleets. The disruptive consequences to agriculture and the world's economies made it essential for the data to be produced so that scientists could assess properly the extent, timing and regional impacts of global warming.

Another source of discrepancy between the forecasts of the five research groups lies in uncertainties

They could provide the figures without disclosing submarine hideaways

about the influence on the atmospheric temperature of the changing composition of cloud cover.

Recent research has shown that dust generated by industry and natural events like volcanic eruptions have a greater role to play than had been previously thought.

Changes in the cloud formations could have a cooling affect by reflecting radiation back into space.

Professor Schlesinger said there were never going to be perfect forecasts because the experts were restricted by the size of computers available to process their mathematical descriptions of events. Machines 100 times more powerful than the most powerful super computers were needed.

Professor Sally Ride, the first American woman astronaut who is director of the California Space Institute at the University of San Diego, said the climatologists would soon be deluged with data from a battery of new spacecraft under a project called Mission To Planet Earth — the latest American space venture by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa).

The viewing of the planet from space was giving a new understanding of the factors threatening the environment, Professor Ride said.

She displayed a sequence of slides, taken by astronauts over the past 15 years, that showed the disappearance of tropical forests, massive soil erosion and a 1,000-kilometre band of cloud across the Amazon basin that was caused by smoke from the burning of forests.

She said the research groups which had produced the sophisticated mathematical models to forecast climate change had to be given every help to refine them and reconcile their differences.

Each of the five groups has produced its own set of equations to form what is called a General Circulation Model or GCM.

They use laws of physics and chemistry to describe in mathematical terms how the atmosphere, earth, ice and ocean systems interact to produce the climate.

The groups explore in great detail particular aspects. But they all want to feed into their calculations better information on the "Cryosphere" — the cold areas of the world — the effects of volcanic dust and changes in activity of the sun.

Cell hopes in Parkinson cases

Animal experiments with brain implants of genetically engineered cells that could help damaged nerve tissue regenerate, or be tailor-made to produce substances like dopimin as a treatment for Parkinson's disease, were described yesterday to the association.

At a conference called to discuss growing controversy over the use of live foetal tissue for brain implants for treating the disease, Professor Fred Gage, of the Department of Neuroscience at the University of California at San Diego, reported the successful use in mice of cells genetically engineered in the laboratory.

When inserted into the mice, they could stimulate the production of dopimin. If the method was proven eventually to be applicable to humans, it would avoid some of the main ethical issues of the use of foetal tissue, he said.

In the United States, government-funded research on this form of brain implants has been banned but big privately funded programmes are under way.

Professor Eugene Redmond, of the Yale University School of Medicine, said that 20 Parkinson's disease sufferers had been selected for implants over the next two years to test out a method developed at the university.

The first seven operations had been performed, employing a method of preparing the donor tissue which the Yale scientists believed could produce better results because the tissue was more likely to be effective when transplanted.

The donated tissues replace the dopimin-producing brain cells that are deficient in people with the disease.

Professor George Allen, head of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, Nashville, Tennessee, described using tissue taken from human adrenal glands, that also stimulate dopimin.

In a group of 18 patients, aged from 39 to 69, Professor Allen reported no deterioration after 18 months in the majority, and great improvement in six of them.

However, he said: "We do not know why because the effect of implanting does not appear to have been linked to the production of dopimin."

Superconductor aerial planned

American scientists are proposing to use high temperature superconducting material in its first important commercial application. The material will be used to make a microwave communication antenna on a military space craft to be launched next year.

The decision has given the United States the lead over Japan, its great rival in the race to develop the technology. It was reported to the association by Dr Edward Mead of the superconductivity department of the Dupont chemical company.

Just six months earlier, scientists had feared that the promised revolution in such material had stopped.

The United States and Japan are spending $250 million (some £150 million) a year on research into warm superconductors and their use. The material was discovered three years ago. It is attractive because it loses all electrical resistance when cooled by liquid nitrogen.

Use of the superconductors could transform the electronics industry and the industries that make the huge generators for power stations and electricity power lines.

However, Dr Mead said the cost of producing warm superconducting material was still much too high at more than $1,000 a lb.

Professor C W Chu, director of one of the leading research teams at the Texas Centre for Superconductivity, at the University of Houston, said that fears of six months ago about an inherent flaw in superconductivity had receded. That was the news scientists attending the meeting had been waiting to hear.

The trouble had arisen with the discovery of a phenomenon called "flux lattice motion" in which these new materials appeared to stop working in the presence of high magnetic fields or when large electrical currents began to flow through them.

Although the problem did not pose too much difficulty for the creation of electronic materials that could be used in computers and other instruments, because they used relatively low current densities, it would have been important for the application of superconductivity in large electrical motors and large magnets.

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Disbanded secret police swap dark glasses for uniforms

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Pity the poor secret policeman: his lot is not a happy one. In Romania they were chanting "weed out the Securitate" and, after the Christmas revolution, shaved the heads of informers. *In East Germany*, they stormed the Stasi headquarters; everywhere there is a clamour for scrapping the machinery of the communist police state, for demobbing the shady toughs in shiny brown suits and specially tailored parkas.

Yet, in Poland, where the 1989 revolutions began, the question of whether to control or demolish the secret police has been plucked from the streets and dropped into television studios.

A recent audience-participation programme started with secret police officers agreeing with critics in the Solidarity Administration and setting out a planned reform that would hive off the political police from the uniformed militia. "It can't all be done at once — we need time to redesign the uniforms," explained one general.

Then the shouting began. A man in the studio audience claimed to have been beaten up by police the previous day, a lawyer demanded an investigation into the death of his father 15 years ago, junior officers started to criticize their bosses, and soon all the animosities, simmering for 45 years, bubbled over.

Police forces in communist states were explicitly designed to be the offensive arm of the party; they were supposed to protect socialism against its enemies. Now that the party has abdicated, the police form the main surviving socialist institution.

The question is whether the police should be allowed to retain a political function. In the Soviet Union, the KGB is still an important political factor, defining to some degree the limits of *perestroika*. In Poland, General Czeslaw Kiszczak, the Police Minister, is the senior communist in the power-sharing Government.

In East Germany, the authorities are committed to dissolving the Stasi by March 31. Clearly this is not an easy task. There were 85,000 full-time security policemen and at least 109,000 collaborators; with the Army, the secret police was the biggest employer.

In Romania, the Securitate formed a series of concentric circles, with 20,000 agents at its core, and some 700,000 informers making up the outer circle. There too, the Securitate has been dissolved and some functions handed over to the Army. But former Securitate men are a constant presence, creating a backdrop to every big political dispute. When Mr Nicolae Nicolae, the Minister for Foreign Trade after the revolution, tried to push through reforms, his bureaucrats accused him of belonging to the Securitate. He resigned even though many of his critics within *the ministry were also Securitate* old boys. The current leaderships in Eastern Europe are trying to hang on until this year's elections, before deciding whether to rebuild their police forces from scratch.

At the moment any form of compromise is politically expensive. The Government of Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, suffered a serious blow to its credibility when it disclosed plans to re-establish a smallerinternal security agency before the elections in May.

Plainly, the policemen have not gone away. Scores have been defecting to the West, but only the more active overseas intelligence or counter-intelligence agents have anything interesting to sell and the market is almost satiated: de-briefing centres in southern Germany are full.

Other agents have been retraining. General Heinz *Engelhardt, of the East German* Stasi, whose job is to dissolve the Stasi, said in an interview that "a substantial portion of our former colleagues have now been re-employed in the economy, in the health service and the Customs".

Co-operation with the KGB has been severely limited, though there are personal links between Soviet and East European counter-intelligence officers and common access to Warsaw Pact computer archives. Dr Richard Sacher, the new Czechoslovak Interior Minister, expressed a widely held view, when he said: "We will stop spying only when the West stops spying on us." The Polish plan is to separate the surviving secret police departments from the uniformed militia which will be renamed "police" and whose status will be enhanced. The uniformed police will be allowed to set up trade unions; *the secret* police will not, but will be de-politicized. The argument between Solidarity senators and senior police officers is over how complete this divorce should be.

The embryo unionists within the Polish police force are rightly suspicious. The Solidarity-led Government it seems, in a bid to maintain political stability, is willing to play along with their old jailers. The newly *redundant* secret police have been busily burning their files — lest Solidarity takes a more radical turn and open up investigations into police wrong doings. They have also been seeking new jobs in the uniformed police. Last June, the Polish secret police had 30,000 employees; now it has just over 3,000. Although some have been setting up private businesses, most have found positions in the uniformed police.

Thus what is happening in Poland — and is likely to happen elsewhere in Eastern Europe — is a quiet merger of the secret and uniformed branches. The fudging may be necessary, but it will also be dangerous to the post-communist states.

The curriculums are being changed in police training schools, but an institution cannot easily transfer its loyalty from communism to an uncertain multi-party state. And most of those who are swapping their dark glasses for blue uniforms are in their mid-twenties or early thirties; a young, potentially hostile fifth column at the centre of the new democracy.

Troops ordered to quell new ethnic turmoil in Kosovo

From Richard Bassett and Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The Yugoslav State Presidency authorized the Yugoslav Army yesterday to enforce order in the troubled region of Kosovo as the prov*ince slid towards a renewal of* violence between ethnic Albanians and Serbs.

After convening an emergency meeting yesterday, the State Presidency said in a statement that the situation in Kosovo had "deteriorated seriously". Measures imposed last year to preserve order had not been respected.

These measures would have to be enforced more energetically with the "engagement" of the Yugoslav Army, the *statement* said.

The loose wording of the statement appears to fall short of imposing full martial law, which was last introduced in the province in 1981.

Although the Army has been seen in Kosovo on several occasions since then, it has usually been on the pretext of holding "ordinary manoeuvres".

It is too early to tell whether the Army will take over responsibility for security from the paramilitary police.

However, local journalists in Kosovo said the Army was maintaining a show of strength in the province, with tanks rolling through the towns of Titova Mitrovica and Podujevo while air force jets flew low over buildings.

Belgrade radio also reported that three policemen in Urosevac in Kosovo were wounded after demonstrators they were pursuing down a narrow side street opened fire. It said the police also fired teargas at groups who had erected barricades.

Four thousand ethnic Albanian students in Pristina held a protest rally yesterday, de*manding an end to what they* described as "Serbia's anti-Albanian campaign" and "state terrorism".

At the same time, in nearby Titova Mitrovica, 700 protesting miners were dispersed by teargas. In other towns, demonstrators built road blocks as armoured cars reappeared on many streets.

The latest crisis in Kosovo, *where 200,000 Serbs live be*side nearly two million ethnic Albanians, comes after a month of unrest which has seen at least 33 deaths.

The ethnic Albanians believe they are the victims of Serbian police brutality. They bitterly resent moves recently announced by Serbia to "re-colonize" the province, seen as the cradle of Serbian culture.

Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, has offered financial incentives to thousands of Serbs wanting to settle in the province. Ten thousand Serbian students from the University of Belgrade are set to be relocated in Pristina, a move which appears almost calculated to provoke more violence.

Mr Milosevic: Career built on Serbian nationalism.

Encouraged by televised scenes of crowds calling for democracy in Romania and Czechoslovakia before Christmas, ethnic Albanians have become more determined to regain their autonomy. This was *removed by Serbia last* spring.

According to reports, Serbian police have harassed ethnic Albanian women and shot ethnic Albanian demonstrators in cold blood. Albanian policemen serving in Kosovo have begun refusing to obey orders. A contingent of ethnic Albanian police reportedly refused to fire rub*ber bullets at a crowd of* demonstrators yesterday.

The Serbs remain unwilling, however, to engage in dialogue, and Serbian intellectuals have called for arms and even uniforms.

At most of yesterday's demonstrations, the Albanians chanted: "We want freedom" and "free Adem Demaqi" — a reference to the Albanian separatist who has spent 29 years in prison on charges of subversion. Demaqi, sometimes referred to in Kosovo as "the Yugoslav Mandela", is regarded by many ethnic Albanians as their leader.

He has called from prison for ethnic Albanians to enjoy the same rights as other Yugoslavs, but denies stirring up Albanian chauvinism. "I am burning like a candle but I am only giving light, not fire," he said recently.

Other Yugoslav politicians see Kosovo as crucial to the future of the country. The fate of Yugoslavia as a federal entity, and its economic reform programme, hang in the balance.

But the federal Government is powerless at present to force Serbia to adopt a more conciliatory line. Mr Milosevic built his career by whipping up anti-Albanian feelings. He cannot afford to stop now.

● **Strife in Macedonia** — Tanjug news agency reported that clashes had spilled over from Kosovo into the neighbouring republic of Macedonia, in Yugoslavia, where ethnic Albanians clashed with Macedonians and Serbs (Reuter reports).

Macedonians had attacked *dozens of Albanian* demonstrators in the town of Kumanovo, Tanjug said. Serbs and Macedonians staged a counter-demonstration, smashing at least one Albanian shop window.

War games for children caught in unrest

Peaceful conquest: These children in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, recently abandoned their bicycles for the excitement of capturing seats atop a Soviet armoured vehicle. Rioting, provoked by ethic violence, started in the Central Asian republic at week ago, killing at least 22 people, officials report.

Growing Soviet alarm over law and order

Moscow urges strict control of protests

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

With two of the Soviet Union's 15 republics closed to foreign journalists and big *demonstrations planned* throughout the country for next Sunday, the authorities here have sounded a series of alarms concerning possible risks to public order.

Meeting yesterday to discuss a draft law on land-use, the Supreme Soviet unexpectedly found itself confronted by an *unscheduled item at the* end of the morning session: a resolution directed at regional and city authorities throughout the country ordering them to ensure that street demonstrations do not get out of control and to make considerations of public order paramount at all times.

The resolution said street demonstrations should be allowed only if they met all the law's requirements: known organizers, clear purpose and agreed time and route.

It cautioned particularly against the risk that marches and mass meetings could be taken over by "extremists", and concluded: "Unsanctioned meetings will be curbed, authorized meetings must be held in specially assigned places. *Perestroika* and democracy should be safely protected by law."

A representative of the parliamentary commission on *glasnost* objected that the resolution was unnecessary and was a first step towards *the total banning of public* meetings.

In the event, a vote was taken to approve the original resolution in the form of an "appeal", and this was carried by a big majority.

The pretext given for the warning was the appearance at the Supreme Soviet on the *previous day of leaflets about* Sunday's demonstrations. Since the session had been closed to journalists and other outsiders, these could have been distributed only by Supreme Soviet deputies.

After the "appeal" was passed yesterday, many Soviet journalists covering the session expressed their reservations, predicting that the more the authorities tried to limit Sunday's marches, the more people would turn up.

"Sanctioned or not, the demonstrations will go ahead," one commented. "If you ban it, there will be a million people on the streets of Moscow."

Sunday's demonstration was planned shortly after the march and mass meeting in central Moscow on February 4, which attracted an estimated 300,000 people. The march was officially billed as being in support of *perestroika*, and speakers included Mr Boris Yeltsin, the radical leader of the Inter-regional *Parliamentary Group*, and leaders of unofficial groups.

That march was approved by the Moscow authorities in advance and was widely believed to have had the approval of President Gorbachov, since it took place on the eve of the Central Committee plenum and showed the extent of mass support for further reform.

Moscow (AFP) — Mr Boris Yeltsin, the maverick Communist Party deputy, has ruled out running for the position of Soviet president while the party holds a monopoly. But he has announced that he is a candidate for the presidency of the Russian Federation, the largest Soviet republic, in elections next month.

Many of the placards displayed, however, suggested that participants also saw it as an opportunity to protest against the Communist Party apparatus in particular and communist rule in general.

Although the march passed off peacefully and was generally reported positively in the Soviet media as a new stage in *glasnost* and "democratization", a hostile account by Tass suggested that speakers had included "extremists" who had tried to "incite violence". It was partly in response to that report that next Sunday's rally was announced.

One of its specific aims is to protest against the practice, which continues despite official discouragement, of only one candidate being nominated for some electoral seats. Elections to the Supreme Soviets in the republics and to local government bodies began last weekend and will continue into next month.

In another indication of official unease about law and order, *Pravda* yesterday published a Tass report headed "Do not inflame nationalist dissension", which claimed that "anti-semitic and Zionist" groups propagating the idea of "national exclusivity" were preparing to incite nationalist dissension.

The warning purported to have been delivered at a meeting of a "public organization" called the "Anti-Zionist Committee." While condemning intolerance towards Jews, the meeting apparently managed at the same time to blame them for fanning racial hatred.

After the anti-Armenian pogroms in Azerbaijan, rumours have multiplied in many cities — including Moscow and Leningrad — that pogroms against Jews, Armenians and other minorities are being planned. So far, however, there is no evidence that any campaigns have begun, although statements from the KGB and the Interior Ministry have offered reassurance about both bodies' ability to provide protection.

In another apparent move to defuse tension, the authorities may be considering a crackdown on co-operative shops and traders, the object of much public opprobrium. Reformist economists regard them as the possible salvation of the consumer sector, but city-dwellers blame them for cornering scarce goods for resale at high prices, leaving nothing to be sold in ordinary shops at state prices.

According to a report in *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the party's youth newspaper, Moscow and the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan have drafted measures to ban state enterprises from using the services of co-operatives.

A further measure which *may reflect concern about the* extent of political discontent and other problems is that, unannounced, vodka is being sold from 8am, thus sweeping away the last remnant of Mr Gorbachov's unsuccessful anti-alcohol campaign, which banned its sale before 2pm.

Bonn seeks to allay EC fears on reunification

From Michael Binyon, Dublin and Kerry Gill in London

Both East and West Germany were anxious not to cause any anxiety to the four powers in East Berlin or the European Community, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minster told fellow EC foreign ministers here yesterday.

He promised that Bonn would keep its partners fully informed at every stage of negotiations over German reunification. He insisted this could only occur in the context of a strengthened Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

His reassurances came amid growing worries within the EC that the quickening pace towards reunification and the grave implications of German monetary union have left Bonn's EC partners confused.

Italy and several of Germany's smaller neighbours have complained that their interests are being ignored in the "two plus four" formula worked out in Ottawa.

Herr Genscher promised them that Bonn would stick by its commitments to the Community. He gave two specific reassurances: that a single Germany would not be neutralist, and that it would be within the borders of the two existing states.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, gave Britain's most positive welcome yet to the whole process of reunification to the European Political Co-operation meeting here. He said Britain had always supported the principle of reunification; now it supported the process. But he admitted it had "genuine worries" that in the rush to reunification, the external aspects had been overlooked — Germany's border with Poland, the implications for Nato and the effects on the European Community.

Bonn (AFP) — East and West Germans are divided on what a united Germany should adopt as its flag and national anthem, according to a poll. It found that 65 per cent of West Germans wanted to keep the flag of the Federal Republic but only 42 per cent of East Germans supported the idea. On the national anthem, 71 per cent from the West wanting to retain the present anthem, but only 23 per cent of East Germans agreed.

Mr Hurd called on the Brussels Commission to produce a full report on what reunification would mean for the Community.

M Jacques Delors, the president of the Commission, promised there would be two detailed papers, as well as specific dossiers on EC policies affected by reunification.

Earlier, the ministers discussed the CSCE summit, scheduled for later this year, which is to address German reunification in the European security context. They agreed the CSCE process should be the main forum for European security discussions, including the crucial one on Germany's future, rather than the four war-time allied powers.

Mr Hurd said the summit should lay down guidelines for future CSCE meetings. It should enshrine the principle of free elections, reaffirm human rights and propose better protection for minorities.

He also called for a CSCE mechanism to deal with the new disputes and nationalisms that were beginning to arise in Eastern Europe.

Herr Genscher's full report on the recent meeting between President Kohl and Herr Hans Modrow, Prime Minister of East Germany, was welcomed, and appears to have diffused some of the anxieties of Bonn's partners.

In Glasgow, Mr Tom King, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday Britain could not afford to relax its defences despite the current thaw in East-West relations.

Mr King, who visited the Yarrow shipyard on the Clyde, maintained that the defence of the country was too important to be put at risk by any immediate cuts.

"The situation in countries like Romania, and possibly the Soviet Union itself, is tremendously uncertain and real dangers exist," he warned.

Woman takes helm of Lithuania struggle

From Anatol Lieven
Vilnius

Mrs Prunskiene: Public opinion is firmly on her side.

Women's issues have featured on the agenda of all the movements for change in Eastern Europe. Women's faces have, however, been much rarer in the higher councils of these movements.

A likely candidate as the first woman leader of a post-communist country is Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, a Lithuanian economist, currently the Minister of Economics and Deputy Prime Minister. She is one of the "uncompromised" junior members of the Communist Party who became founder members of the national movement, Sajudis.

She has won fame in Lithuania and abroad for the determination with which she argued for the Soviet law on economic independence for the Baltic states, and with which, since it was passed in November, she has fought for its implementation.

Since the Russian minority in Lithuania is too small to play the kind of blocking role open to the Russians of Latvia and Estonia, Moscow's most significant tool for keeping Lithuania in the Soviet Union, or at least slowing down the process of separation, is the integration of the republic into the Soviet economic system.

Moscow has begun to put on pressure by cancelling Lithuania's accounts with foreign banks, thereby cutting off both the republican government and Lithuanian travellers from much of their access to foreign currency.

Mrs Laima Andrikiene, assistant to Mrs Prunskiene, said that there was widespread fear that Soviet pressure could go as far as a blockade, but she was confident that by taking over war reserves of fuel Lithuania could hold out for several months, even without help from the West, since "at least we produce enough food to survive". Other Lithuanian economists take a much less sanguine view.

Mrs Prunskiene's clashes with Moscow have also brought her into conflict with conservative elements of the Lithuanian Communist Party, including Mr Vytautas Sakalauskas, the Prime Minister.

Last week he offered his resignation, saying that he could no longer work while being "blackmailed" by Sajudis deputies to the Supreme Soviet in Moscow and undermined by his own Deputy Prime Minister.

His resignation was rejected by the *Lithuanian* Supreme Soviet. This was elected under the old regime and many of its deputies sympathize with the view that Sajudis is seeking popularity by criticizing the Government without putting forward new economic ideas.

Many also feel that Mrs Prunskiene's disloyalty has paralysed the Government. Public opinion, however, seems to be on her side, and it seems probable that Mr Sakalauskas will be replaced after elections to the Supreme Soviet beginning on Saturday.

Mrs Prunskiene, who plans to introduce a Lithuanian currency before the end of the year, has a look of determination. Her strong, humorous features may have been shaped by the effort of bringing up three children in Soviet conditions after divorce from her husband. Her candour contrasts sharply with the behaviour of her predecessors and of most politicians in the West.

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COMMUNISM IN CRISIS

Crackdown as protests in Romania near anarchy

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

After two months of near anarchy, Romania's provisional government yesterday introduced new draconian laws to protect public buildings and ordered the security forces to implement legislation outlawing spontaneous protests.

President Iliescu, the pro-Moscow interim leader, claimed that the moves were necessary to prevent the country of 23 million people degenerating into "another Lebanon". He also claimed that fascist organizations using the language of the 1930s were trying to infiltrate.

His warning marks the unofficial start of what is expected to be the dirtiest election campaign in Eastern Europe. Although no names were mentioned, the remarks were assumed to be directed towards the National Peasant Party and the National Liberal Party, two recently revived right-wing groups which had been dissolved by the Communists in the 1940s.

Both favour the rapid privatization of the economy, a move rejected by the ruling National Salvation Front, which argues that such policies would result in widespread lay-offs. The thousands of pro-Front miners transported to Bucharest by three trains on Monday showed that the Front is not afraid to use its industrial muscle to push its claims.

"We have come here to support the Front. If we have to come again, I promise it will be very bad for anyone else who tries to overthrow them," said Mr Ion Gheorghe, a miner. "We do not want to see this country sold off to foreigners or to bosses who are going to ruin our lives."

Any doubts about who organized the demonstration were removed when a government lorry distributed free yogurt and meat pies.

Diplomats claimed that the Front also used its industrial muscle on January 28 when miners and factory workers arrived by the thousands to break up an anti-government demonstration.

"They have learned effectively from Moscow how to handle these matters and I am sure that Moscow is pleased with the result," stated one European envoy.

The public order laws coincide with the trials of 102 people arrested after anti-communist mobs ransacked the Front's headquarters on Sunday and destroyed communist literature and symbols. They are the first trials of demonstrators since the revolution.

The first test of the new laws, introduced by an emergency decree which stated they were designed "to ensure public quiet, a climate of safety and free expression" is expected tomorrow when the country marks the end of the second month since the overthrow of Ceausescu.

Many intellectuals maintain that since then the anti-communist ideals of the revolutionaries have been hijacked by the Front, determined to maintain a communist system. Their feelings are summed up by a sign on a wall: "The Revolution has been stolen".

A member of the National Liberal Party said: "On the night after the law allowing private enterprises a ridiculous maximum of 20 employees, an official appeared on television warning of the difficulties that trying to start one would cause. He made clear that a Soviet-style co-op was much more desirable."

Under regulations introduced by the Front last month, but so far ignored, street demonstrations are to be restricted to four parks in Bucharest and specified areas in other cities.

Mr Iliescu: Fears civil war and "another Lebanon".

Letter from Bucharest

Peasants with a touch of class

I was somewhat alarmed. A colleague had just informed me that if I intended to spend the night in the headquarters of the right-wing National Peasant Party I had better make sure I was on the ground floor. "I think the pro-government miners are going to set it on fire," he said. The phone rang just as I put it down: "It's a death threat," a young party member told me.

By 7pm tension was running high. The Government had accused the National Peasant Party of paying thugs to storm their headquarters on Sunday — something the party vehemently denies. But now thousands of pro-government miners were heading in from the provinces and they were said to be angry. Two armoured personnel-carriers arrived and a line of troops formed outside the building.

By 8pm the older generation had gone. Only 20 young party members remained inside to defend the once elegant mansion.

Rumours abounded. Breathless messengers arrived. "The miners are coming, the miners are coming." At least one party activist admitted being scared; others looked uneasy.

We waited, but the miners had gone to Victory Square. "Perhaps they don't know the way here," somebody said in the now smoke-filled room.

Something stirred in the courtyard: it was only a group of soldiers coming in for dinner.

As we waited — and the tension subsided — the young activists told me their story. They had come to the refounded party because their grandparents had been members or because, being religious, they wanted to join a party that identified itself as a Christian democratic body; others were there, it seemed, by accident.

Miss Monica Omescu, aged 19, who had "Hendrix, Joplin" and "Beatles" written on her jeans, said that she had good friends in the party but was not a member. Her father, whom she did not like, had published two of her poems in the socialist party newspaper without her permission "so, to prove my loyalty to my friends, I had to join".

Mr Roberto Batlan, aged 22, is a driving-school instructor — a well-paid job in Romania. He showed me pictures of his girlfriend. "I'm here because she was killed by terrorists on December 26 ... I don't want another dictatorship."

Mr Stefan Golumbeanu, aged 29, restores the artwork of historic churches. Last summer he and some friends secretly formed the nucleus of a Christian democratic party in the province of Gorj. On December 20 his best friend and colleague was arrested in Bucharest. His mother's friend planned to immolate herself in front of the American Embassy. He took his subversive leaflets to a meeting called by Nicolae Ceausescu on December 21. It was Ceausescu's last public meeting.

One girl was wearing an expensive leather skirt. Brave, individualistic and idealistic they may be but they generally come from middle-class backgrounds and are generally well off.

"Yes, it's a problem," admits Mr Dan Podeanu, aged 31, vice-president of the party's youth wing. "It's a historic name which we've inherited. Of course, we think the land should go back to the peasants and factories should go to their workers but it's also essential that we build a new middle class."

The party is burdened with a stolid image of old men coming back to their political home after an enforced absence of more than 40 years. It is the youth who will have to recall the spectre of fascism and reach out to the veteran anti-communists who have refounded the party.

It was 2am. A new rumour arrived. The miners were going home. I was offered four chairs to sleep on. The soldiers came in also to sleep. The scare was over ... for tonight.

Tim Judah

Motorbike magic for Havel

President Havel of Czechoslovakia getting the feel of an Ontario Provincial Police motor cycle during a break from his hectic schedule of meetings in Toronto, Canada.

Vodka shortage no bar to Mongolia alcoholism

From Catherine Sampson, Ulan Bator

Slumped, glass in hand, over an all-but empty bottle of vodka, Tugrik felt free to confide that "yes, alcoholism is a bit of a problem in Mongolia".

It was eleven in the morning, and Tugrik (not his real name) had grown more and more expansive on the problem of getting hold of vodka.

He is not a down-and-out, but a well-paid, well-educated young man. A bottle of vodka was a treat too good to miss, however, even at a time of day more suited to coffee drinking.

"We start to queue outside the grocery stores at seven in the morning for vodka," he said. "By afternoon it's all sold out. We have to go back every day, because the shop will only sell us one bottle each."

In fact, Tugrik considered supply as much of a problem as the drunkenness it causes. "People want it to be freely available, the way it used to be," he said.

A Westerner working in Mongolia was stunned by the drinking habits of his Mongolian colleagues. To spare them hours of queuing, he offered to buy vodka supplies from a diplomatic store for a five-day trip into the mountains for their six-person group. While in favour of the trip, his Monglian co-workers persuaded him that 20 bottles would be more appropriate. In the event, the entire supply lasted just two days.

With the Mongolian new year approaching, he buys 40 bottles of vodka a day at the diplomatic stores to distribute to his Mongolian friends. At the "Ulan Bator Beer and Spiritous Factory", 80 per cent of the workforce are women. "Women don't like vodka — men would just drink the product all day long," the chief engineer said.

The Mongolian Government has opened alcoholism clinics and has tried to limit the supply of vodka. Mongolians, one long-standing East European resident observed, "learnt to drink from the Russians, and now they have to learn to stop".

The consumption of vodka also, however, has a lot to do with the shortage of entertainment, even in Ulan Bator. Ask a young man or woman what they do with their evenings, and your answer will be a blank look.

It is perhaps not surprising that people turn to drink in the desert that is Mongolia's nightlife. True, there is one circus, complete with dancing yaks and a wolf which hurls itself at its keeper in time to music. But once you've seen one dancing yak and one jumping wolf, you've seen them all.

The new place to be seen in town is the brand-new Variety show. A blend of Soviet socialist kitsch and native Mongolian eroticism, it rather shocks those used to the modesty of Peking. One visit, certainly, is more than enough.

Nor can one take solace in food. Ask any Mongolian if he can recommend a restaurant, and he will shrug dispairingly.

At the Ulan Bator Hotel, patronized by North Korean wrestling teams and East German child-wonder gymnasts as well as local Mongolians, American Fried Chicken is served with great pride by waiters in bow-ties. It tastes the same as the barbecued pork or the fish — all fried in mutton fat and cold by the time it reaches the table.

Even the most strong-willed teetotaller might be tempted by a little fiery spirit to help it down and clear the palate.

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Hanoi takes tough line on repatriation policy

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Vietnam officials said yesterday that no more mandatory repatriation flights of boat people from Hong Kong would be allowed for some time. The statement came amid reports that Hanoi has refused for the time being to make a private deal on repatriation flights with Britain and Hong Kong, following pressure from Washington.

Hanoi's tough line became clear yesterday after talks in Hanoi between Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister.

No date was set for another mandatory flight to follow the one made with Hanoi's agreement on December 12. The British and Hong Kong Governments had been hoping that a further flight would deter another big influx of boat people, expected next month when the annual sailing season begins.

In a separate development, a report by Amnesty International welcomed legal reforms in Vietnam, but said torture remained widespread despite steps to prevent it. It was still an offence punishable by imprisonment or "re-education" to leave the country clandestinely.

Reports in Hong Kong said Hanoi was not prepared to resume mandatory repatriation flights without the agreement of the United States Government. Sources in London and Geneva said Hanoi was holding back to avoid antagonizing Washington, which strongly opposes the British repatriation policy. Its main priority was to persuade the United States to drop its embargo on aid, which has applied since the end of the Vietnam war.

Mr Maude went to Vietnam ready to break the US embargo, hoping that this would encourage Hanoi to accept a three-sided deal separate from the stalled 29-nation Geneva talks. He is believed to have offered to pay for reception facilities for the returning boat people, while holding out a prospect of wider aid.

Mr Maude: Ready to break the US embargo on aid.

Vietnam has been stalling British requests for another flight since early January, refusing to agree to names on a flight list prepared by the Hong Kong authorities.

It argued that it was shocked by international condemnation of the first flight, in which 51 people were roused from their beds at night and put on a plane. Hanoi implied that Britain and Hong Kong had mishandled the flight and should have used persuasion rather than force. The British claimed no force was used.

It has been clear since mid-January that the US has a strong influence on Vietnam's conduct. They were the only countries to oppose a compromise that was nearly reached at a meeting of the steering committee of the 29-nation International Conference on Indochina Refugees in Geneva. All other countries were prepared to allow mandatory flights to go ahead after a six-month delay, but Washington held out for 12 months, while Hanoi proposed nine months.

Mr Thorvald Stoltenberg, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, was appointed to mediate, but his efforts show little sign of success. Washington has not yet replied to his soundings, and Hanoi has made it clear it will wait for the American response. Mr Maude went to see Mr Stoltenberg in Geneva just before flying to Hanoi.

The British attempt to break out of the multilateral approach reflected desperation over the imminence of the sailing season. But the United States authorities are understood to have made it clear to Hanoi that such a deal could affect its hopes of getting the aid embargo dropped. The row reflects a clash of priorities between Washington and London, which hopes a tough line on the boat people may soften criticism in Hong Kong over its deal with China on limited steps to democracy.

Amnesty International, in its report on legal reforms in Vietnam, recognized some improvements but said human rights violations continued. The reforms included the introduction of the principle that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty, and the right to a legal defence. However there were still "serious shortcomings" in the judicial process.

Thousands of people, including about 1,500 political prisoners, were released in 1987 and 1988. But Amnesty said many were still detained without trial or held in "re-education camps".

It was disturbed by continuing reports of detainees being routinely beaten by guards, held in shackles or leg irons, and kept on a reduced diet. The Government had taken steps to prevent torture, but statements by former detainees suggested that it remained widespread.

● HONG KONG — Four more Vietnamese boat people attempted to disembowel themselves in Hong Kong's most crowded detention centre yesterday, in protest at a screening policy which had labelled them non-refugees (Jonathan Braude writes). Soon afterwards a riot broke out between rival factions at the Whitehead Centre.

The four men had stationed themselves outside the office at the camp of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and stabbed themselves in the stomach with homemade weapons. They were taken to hospital but refused treatment by government doctors.

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Dutch police swoop on squatters

A squatter trying to escape into a caravan from police who raided an Amsterdam house yesterday. More than 300 riot police fired water-cannon and teargas in the operation, and the seven squatters and 51 of their supporters were arrested.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Congress seat on cards for Jackson

Washington — The latest talk here about the Rev Jesse Jackson's political aspirations is of a possible deal to allow the black civil rights leader to become the capital's representative in Congress rather than its mayor (Susan Ellicott writes). Mr Marion Barry, the present Mayor, who is under investigation for alleged cocaine use and has spent almost a month in a "substance-abuse" clinic in Florida, says he is not considering resigning. Nor is he ruling out running for a fourth term.

A handful of former strong supporters of Mr Barry are urging Mr Walter Fauntroy, the representative to Congress for the District of Columbia, to run for mayor. Such a move would leave Mr Jackson free to stand for Mr Fauntroy's old job, allowing the twice-failed presidential candidate to fend off criticism that he has never held elected office.

UN rebukes Israel

Jerusalem — Tensions between Israel and the United Nations rose yesterday as Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, protested to Israel over the deaths of two UN peacekeeping soldiers in Lebanon (Richard Owen writes). Israel said the incident occurred just before midnight on Monday when a unit of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) opened fire on Arab gunmen near Tyre, hitting a UN observation post by accident and killing two Nepalese soldiers and wounding six others.

However, Mr Timor Goksel, spokesman for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, said the UN post was well known to the SLA, an Arab militia equipped by Israel. Mr Goksel said the UN post had been "well lit".

US plague on drugs

Washington (Reuter) — The US Government is studying the possibility of dropping swarms of caterpillars from the air to eat the coca crop in Peru and Bolivia and cut cocaine supplies to America, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday. The Bush administration has quadrupled the budget for a programme to develop chemical and biological agents to destroy drug crops. The £3.8 million programme is testing a dye to kill marijuana and a fungus that wipes out coca. The focus, however, is the malumbia, a moth which, in the caterpillar stage, eats the coca plant's leaves.

Torture plea to King

Amnesty International yesterday appealed to King Hassan of Morocco to end what it alleged was systematic torture and ill-treatment of detainees in police custody in his country (Daniel Treisman writes). In a new report, the human rights organization claims that arbitrary arrests, prolonged detention incommunicado and inadequate investigation of torture and deaths have facilitated human-rights abuses.

Yard to aid inquiry into Kenya minister's death

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

Detectives from Scotland Yard and a senior pathologist have left Britain to assist Kenyan police with their investigations into the murder last week of Dr Robert Ouko, Kenya's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

At the request of the Kenyan government, Superintendent John Troon and Inspector Graham Davis of Scotland Yard, and Dr Ian West, a pathologist, have flown to Nairobi to help in the murder inquiry.

The charred and mutilated remains of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation were discovered on Friday, three days after he disappeared from his farmhouse.

According to a government statement, preliminary investigations by Kenya's chief pathologist, Dr Jason Kaviti, show that Dr Ouko was shot in the head. His .38 revolver, containing one empty cartridge, was found near the badly burned and dismembered body which was lying in bushes and guava trees four miles from his home in Koru, near Kisumu, in Kenya's western province.

The late minister's sword walking stick, a jerrycan and a plastic bag containing clothes, money and four rounds of ammunition were also found at the scene. The time and cause of death have not yet been established.

Dr Ouko was last seen alive in Kisumu late on the evening of February 12, when he told his staff that he planned to leave early the next morning to catch a flight to Nairobi. When he failed to arrive at the airport his personal security officer telephoned to enquire where he was.

On hearing of her husband's disappearance, Mrs Christabel Ouko telephoned the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the police began an investigation.

On February 15, the Government made a public announcement of his disappearance and President Moi ordered security forces to start an aerial and ground search. The dead minister's body was finally discovered on February 16.

Dr Ouko was a popular and well-respected politician both at home and abroad. His death has aroused intense speculation and anger throughout Kenya and sparked off numerous emotional demonstrations by students calling for "truth", "justice" and the resignation of Dr Hezekiah Oyugi, permanent secretary in charge of national security, who told Kenyans not to gossip about Dr Ouko's death.

Julie Ward: British police are investigating her murder.

More than 7,000 students, wailing and waving tree branches — traditional mourning for the Luo tribe of which Dr Ouko was a member — marched on the office of President Moi, the High Court and to the US Embassy.

They said they were demonstrating against a cover-up by the Government, which they accused of lying about the facts of Dr Ouko's death. The students also decried Kenya's invitation to Scotland Yard to help investigate the murder. "Why invite foreigners? Can't we conduct our own investigations?" they asked.

President Moi said that "no stone will be left unturned" in the search for Dr Ouko's killers. "The government is committed to the protection of lives of all citizens of this country," he said. President Moi described Dr Ouko as "a brilliant leader, an articulate and courageous spokesman and a loyal servant of his people".

Student demonstrations, which began on Sunday, have spread to Kenya's three public universities.

More than 7,000 students from Nairobi University, Egerton university, Nakuru, central Kenya, and Moi university, in Eldoret, western Kenya, have staged demonstrations demanding to know who was behind the killing. At a public rally at Nairobi University campus the students have also called for a parliamentary inquiry. They wanted to know why the Government had not shown footage of Mr Ouko's public functions on television as was normal when ministers died.

● **Ward report:** The request for help from the Yard comes as the Kenyan authorities are studying a report by Detective Chief Supt Ken Thompson, from the Yard's serious crime branch, who went to the country last month to look at the Julie Ward case.

The Kenyans are expected to ask for further Yard help in the case following an inquest last year which decided the British girl was murdered in a game reserve.

Dr West is one of the country's leading pathologists and has been involved in many big cases and has great experience in murder investigations.

Caste becomes battle cry ahead of elections in India

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

Across northern and western India, as crucial state election campaigns start to turn caste and religious loyalties into battle cries, a single word is being daubed ominously on walls: *Aarakshan*. It means *reservation*.

The word, often with two lines slashed through it, amounts to a warning by high-caste Hindus against maintaining job reservations for Harijans (Untouchables) and tribal Indians — the lowest and poorest in the rigid divisions of Indian society.

Job reservation is passionately opposed by higher caste Hindus, who regard it as their right, their karma, to be above others in housing, education, jobs, money, marriage — in fact, in everything.

This is the ancient order of things, and caste-based reservations interfere with the reassuring notion that inferior status is the price of bad conduct in a previous life.

Riots against reservation have taken an unknown number of lives since they erupted in December, when the new Government took office. The clashes were based on a misunderstanding of the Government's plans, which provided only for a 10-year extension of a system of reserving seats in state legislatures for Harijans and others of their kind. It was wrongly assumed that hated job quotas, too, were being extended.

What is at stake in the muddled battle is the future of a *1980* proposal by the Mandal Commission to reserve every second state job and education post to low-caste or non-caste Hindus, defined as Other Backward Classes (OBCs), who make up more than half the population.

It was a staggering proposal: it seemed to higher-caste Hindus that practically every job was being reserved for an OBC, a Harijan or a tribal. Since then, the Supreme Court has ruled that only 27 per cent of government jobs and seats in educational institutions should be reserved for OBCs.

Upper caste youths have waged the main battle against reservation, forcing the Government to temper its enthusiasm for implementing the amended Mandal Commission plan in full. A relatively new Harijans' and OBCs' political party, the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), has accused upper castes of resisting change to an archaic system that bestows inferiority on most Indians at birth.

Job reservation has done little to improve the lot of Harijans and tribals. In line with classic Indian practice, rules have been ignored with impunity. Job reservations in government are hardly ever completely filled. The official *excuse is that there are* insufficient qualified candidates — hardly surprising since educational reservations for Harijans, too, are rarely filled.

The row has focused attention on the impossible complexities of caste as a means of defining "backwardness". A particular caste in one area may be at the bottom of the social pile; in another part of the country that category might consist of landowners. Nobody, however, has yet produced a viable alternative for broadly defining the most deprived Indians.

Caste loyalties will be played out in assembly elections in eight states next Tuesday — Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Orissa and Himachal Pradesh. The reservation issue is stirring up feelings in some of them — hence the Government's steadfast silence about precisely what it plans to do about the dog-eared, dust-covered and unimplemented Mandal Commission report.

Republican sets sights on Sacramento mansion

Presidential-style race for California lacks people and interest

From Peter Stothard
Los Angeles

Mr Wan Li, presiding president of the Six Companies of San Francisco, had a prediction to make: that his honoured guest, sitting among the paper lanterns and the price lists for crispy fried oysters, would be the next president of the United States.

For the guest himself, a slight, 56-year-old US senator named Mr Pete Wilson, this was not a wholly welcome announcement. He was in Chinatown to promote his bid for a different job, the governorship of California.

The governor's mansion in Sacramento is still best known to outsiders as the place which prepared Ronald Reagan for the White House. But no candidate likes to appear too greedy too soon.

The California race is critical in itself. When it ends in November it will almost certainly have been the most expensive of any campaign except that for the presidency. Its winner will have powers to redraw California's congressional seats in ways which will influence the shape of the whole United States legislature for a decade.

President Bush badly needs Mr Wilson to win. Although he opposes Mr Bush on abortion (he is a strong pro-choice advocate) and is the *bête noire* of the President's friends in the oil industry (he is against offshore drilling), the Republican Party machine has ensured he has no opposition on his own side.

All he has to do is to use $20 million (£11 million) to crush the Democrats. There is more in the war-chest if he needs it. If in fighting the good fight he helps to set a new Republican agenda for the 1990s, so be it. If by 1996 the two-term senator and former San Diego mayor becomes the best placed to bid for the White House, so be it. Winning this battle is what counts.

● He is still an object of right-wing suspicion for his support of President Ford over Mr Reagan in 1976 ●

No electorate is at the same time so big, so sophisticated in its use of information and so paradoxically difficult to reach. Last week's 3,000-mile trip — with its 14 far-flung meetings in four days — was just the beginning.

Hardly more than 200 people saw him directly as he criss-crossed the state in his campaign plane. On Tuesday he stood on the black artificial grass beside the John Wayne airport freeway, haranguing a crowd of four on the evils of the exhaust pipe. Later he spoke about drugs to a dozen tired Latins in Los Angeles. In his home town, San Diego, no one stopped to hear his kerbside speech about "*managed growth*". "Is that Pete Wilson?" asked a man in a wheelchair, who did not stop for the answer.

Even campaign-hardened journalists found it slightly bizarre. As one man from the *Los Angeles Times* put it: "This has all the trappings of a presidential campaign, except people and interest."

But the team around Mr Wilson, most of whom have been with him for many years, does not care about arousing the interest of journalists. It cares only about attracting cameras from the fiercely parochial and localized California television stations, and giving them the "hot button" line which will arouse the real crowds at home.

"Pete Wilson requires no introduction to any of the people here," concluded a local environmentalist leader as he introduced the senator in San Diego on Tuesday. This was, indeed, true. There were no people there at all.

All the polls are clear about which subject most moves the Californian electorate. Mr Wilson is allowed to be "soft" on the environment, on abortion and on welfare spending, but he has to be *flint-hard on crime*.

On the first day of the trip, everyone wore a badge appointing them to Pete's Posse, a team of several hundred police chiefs and prosecutors who want more executions and shorter appeal procedures. They also want to define a new crime of torture to deal with recent much-cited cases of horrific violence.

The Posse is a big success. In the vanguard at each venue is a powerful victims' rights activist whose brother was shot and whose son was thrown strangled from an aircraft. The media love it. This is the way to what Mr Wilson's campaigners call the "base" — a term they seem to use as both adjective and noun. They mean the middle class, mid-state millions whose votes are so much more numerous than the Hollywooders and San Franciscans for whom California is best known.

Mr Wilson is still an object of right-wing suspicion for his support of President Ford over Mr Reagan in 1976.

His opposition to the "pro-life" movement has also sapped some activist support. Several times this week he was dogged by an anti-abortion demonstrator — a piece of opposition which looked more serious (and, therefore, was more serious) when it was shown on television. The cameras are scrupulously fair in their exaggerations. But the "pro-lifers" have no candidate this year to whom their efforts can bring support. The Democratic opposition is more seriously split. California's attorney-general, Mr John Van de Kamp, and the former mayor of San Francisco, Mrs Dianne Feinstein, *must fight a primary* battle in June. The Wilson team is keen to face Mr Van de Kamp, whose name is twice famous in the state, for his family biscuit-making business and for his failure 10 years ago to bring murder charges against the so-called Hillside Strangler. The Strangler fiasco is confidently thought to outweigh any biscuit benefits to Mr Van de Kamp. On Monday afternoon, when the campaign plane was 10 minutes away from a stop with 20 raisin growers in Fresno, there was a nasty shock. With a $600,000 advertising campaign, financed by her husband, the relatively inexperienced Mrs Feinstein has turned an 18-point opinion poll deficit into a four-point lead over Mr Van de Kamp.

● Mr Wilson is allowed to be 'soft' on the environment, abortion and welfare, but has to be flint-hard on crime ●

"It just shows the power of TV," Mr Wilson said. *But Mrs Feinstein, the only* charismatic figure in the race, would bring national attention and unwelcome predictability to the campaign. She is pro-choice and pro-capital punishment. Her advertisements stress her unifying *role in 1978 after her* mayoral predecessor had been shot in his office as a result of a homosexual political row.

Mrs Feinstein's chances, particularly since her husband can easily afford another few million on her behalf, look much improved.

Mr Wilson is not without woman-power. He has a glamorous singing wife, Gayle, who had written a song about how a "savvy campaigner like Pete needs your money and votes to compete" — and had no qualms about singing it for the cameras, whether in Jim Burke's Bakersfield Ford showroom or the Sacramento railway museum.

In Mr Wan's Chinatown temple she also saw the framed prophecy of Harry Truman's unexpected presidential win in 1948. The prediction for herself was two more children, a boy and a girl, an outcome she seemed to think equally unlikely.

For her husband, however, the prophetic incense sticks had been well prepared. The initial talk of the White House was tactfully not repeated. Throughout the rest of the afternoon the walkie-talkie men happily munched fortune cookies with the motto "Wilson will be Governor".

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Thatcher taking refuge in fiction, says Kinnock

Jubilant Labour MPs cheered their leader when he attacked the Prime Minister over poll tax at question time. Mr Kinnock accused her of taking refuge in fiction.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher got little relief when her backbenchers took up the subject, and a request from one supporter for clarification over what had "gone wrong with the arithmetic" of the community charge was greeted with derisory hilarity from the Opposition benches.

The exchanges were opened by **Mr Patrick Thompson** (Norwich North, C), who said that the rebate system for community charge was considerably more generous than the old rebates, particularly for households in the lowest income bands, which should see an average reduction of 26 per cent in the proportion of their income paid for local government.

He added that they would gain that benefit only if local authorities such as Norwich City Council resisted the temptation to raise the level of their charge and controlled their spending firmly and efficiently.

Mrs Thatcher agreed that people in the lowest income band would see a lower proportion of their income paid to local authorities because community charge benefits were more generous in the rate of rebate. Many of the single-person households that would benefit were those of pensioners and others on low incomes.

She agreed that local authorities should make strenuous efforts to keep spending down.

It had been reported that some authorities had, nevertheless, suggested a figure of £370 community charge. If rates had been retained, that would have led to an unacceptable increase of 35 per cent.

Mr Neil Kinnock: When

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people live in a Tory district, in a Tory county under a Tory Government, who do they blame for their very high poll tax?

Mrs Thatcher: All local authorities, whatever their political complexion, should strain to keep down public expenditure so that that they can keep down their community charge.

Far more Labour local authorities were extravagant and exerted high community charges than did Conservative councils.

Mr Kinnock: Why does she take such refuge in fiction? Does she not realize that that there are plenty of people on her back benches and in her party who could tell her that this whole arrangement was a fairy story from the start, to use the words of Mr David Wilshire (Spelthorne, C).

Is this why just one authority in the country has been able to set poll tax at or below the specified government level?

Labour MPs: No. Two.

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Kinnock is perfectly well aware from the previous answer that some authorities are taking refuge in the change in order to have higher expenditure.

Therefore it is our intention, when community charge is finally set, to say precisely what the increase would have been in domestic rates . . . . so that local people can judge whether a local authority has been wise or extravagant. They will find that most Labour councils, or those under no overall control, are far higher spending than most Conservative ones.

Mr Kinnock: Does she not understand that people are not going to pay what might have been, but much higher charges inflicted on them by her and her Government.

Mrs Thatcher: He knows that most local authority spending is met by the taxpayer and the business rate and the rest by the community charge payer. If the county puts on extra spending, that is met by the community charge payer.

All would prefer the community charge to the Labour roof tax, she added.

Mr Tony Speller (Devon North, C) asked what had gone wrong with the arithmetic relating to the community charge. How could it be that in low-spending, low rateable value authorities such as North Devon and Mid Devon, which in the past had levied less than £190 per adult, were now levying more than £300?

Mrs Thatcher said that the figure of £300 for the community charge was based on an increase of more than 19 per cent in spending by the county council and 21 per cent and 15 per cent increases for North and Mid Devon respectively.

If the authorities followed the present pattern of spending the community charge would be £210 in North Devon and £220 in Mid Devon.

"I hope that Conservative authorities will maintain their tradition of prudent budgeting and well maintained services."

Mr Thomas Graham (Renfrew West and Inverclyde, Lab) said that more than 500,000 people in Scotland could not pay the poll tax. In the shires, Conservative councils were making huge increases in poll tax, but how many people there would not be able to pay?

Mrs Thatcher said that, bearing in mind the community charge in Scotland met only 14 per cent of expenditure by local authorities and that Scotland's earned income amounted to the fourth highest in the United Kingdom, it was not that people could not pay but it might be that some had been led not to pay by the wrong advice of others.

Minister welcomes Acas talks on the ambulance dispute

The decision of both sides in the ambulance dispute to go to Acas today was welcomed by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health.

Speaking at question time in the Commons he welcomed the "commonsense" decision and said that he hoped that the talks would lead to a settlement.

Mr William Hague (Richmond, Yorks, C) accused the Opposition and trade unions of double standards by calling for the dispute to be referred to arbitration when they had never done such a thing themselves.

Mr Clarke said that it would be unfair to other workers and an impossible way of running the health service if groups of people only had to go on strike long enough to win their way to arbitration.

Labour had never gone to arbitration in similar circumstances.

He was glad to hear that talks at Acas were now taking place. The management of the National Health Service had always made clear it was prepared to re-enter the talks on the basis that had been described. "I trust that every MP hopes that the talks will success and the dispute will be resolved."

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab) said that the best contribution that Mr Clarke could made would be "to keep his mouth firmly shut".

Mr Clarke said that his remarks had been consistent and did not include some remarks attributed to him to inflame the dispute. The NHS had made clear for some weeks the basis on which talks could take place.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said that the whole country would want the new talks to continue until they succeeded.

In the light of the refusal of the Secretary of State to intervene, and his claim of the right of management to manage, could he assure the House that management would now be genuinely free to negotiate and, if management wished to include arbitration or another pay mechanism, Mr Clarke would not intervene to stop that solution.

Mr Clarke said that not only did no Labour secretary of state ever refer such a dispute to arbitration, but no Labour secretary of state had ever intervened in the way he had been urged to. If Mr Cook aspired to be a health secretary and decided that if a dispute went on long enough he would intervene and pay the claim, he would be disastrous in that office.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said the only way to obtain a speedy end to the dispute was to avoid making party political points. A sensible silence from ministers, officials, Opposition spokesman and just about everyone else was required.

Mr Clarke said the advice to keep silent coming from Mr Hayes was extremely welcome. The discussions could move on to the Whitley Council where they should be resolved.

The Government predicted at question time that the fall in the number of dental inspections since charges were introduced would correct itself and the upward trend would reassert itself.

Mr John Smith (Vale of Glamorgan, Lab) asked how ministers could square their optimism with a survey carried out among dentists in his constituency, showing inspections to have dropped by up to a fifth.

Mr Roger Freeman said the charge was £3.45 and that represented three-quarters of the cost. Examinations had fallen immediately after the introduction of charges, but "we believe that the increasing trend of examinations will shortly reassert itself".

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that it was no use the minister hoping for a long-term trend to reassert itself. Dental inspection was an important element of preventative medicine and it was falling away.

Mr Freeman said some 50 per cent of patients were exempt from the charges. "We firmly believe that the upward trend will continue." He could not give a specific pledge the charges would not be increased.

● *The following later speeches in Monday's debate in the Commons on the ambulance dispute were reported in later editions yesterday.*

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said that the management must be responsible for pay, which could not be a matter for Government. The management must determine the balance between service development and the amount spent on pay.

Mr Robin Cook said that the aspect that caused the Opposition most concern and disappointment was that Mr Forsyth had not produced a single idea as to how the stalemate would be broken. The only basis Mr Forsyth had held out for hope of a settlement was that the staff side should surrender.

While ministers had been willing to tolerate the human cost of the dispute, they had also been willing to shell out something like £25 million for army, and police cover. But to meet the entire claim would cost only £10 million.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C) said that it was widely believed that the Government was using the dispute to split the work into two: professional staff and a taxi-style service, which would be privatized. It would be woeful if the Government used this to further its dogma.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for Health, winding up the debate, said that he would not dissociate himself from the estimate that the cost of emergency cover was about £20 million, but it was an estimate because all the bills had not come in. The costs would be met by the National Health Service.

This additional cost could not be compared with the cost of increasing the pay of ambulance staffs in one year because pay was a recurring cost.

The nationalist parties' motion, calling on Mr Clarke to renew negotiations with the ambulance staff, was rejected by 276 to 207 — Government majority, 69. An amendment supporting the Government's handling of the dispute was carried by 255 votes to 199 — Government majority, 56.

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Rate of inflation 'stays high'

Inflation in the United Kingdom had been the highest in the Community for 8 of the past 11 years, highest in the OECD for 9 of the past 11 years and the highest among our industrial competitors for 11 of the past 11 years, Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, told the Prime Minister at question time, pronouncing her Government guilty of mortgage misery.

Mrs Thatcher said that the present inflation rate, 7.7 per cent, would have been low for the Labour Government that "his" Liberals had supported.

Browne report 'serious'

The Prime Minister admonished a Labour MP who raised the question of the select committee report on the failure of Mr John Browne (Winchester C) fully to declare his business interests. She told Mr Alun Michael (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab) that the report was a serious one and Mr Browne would wish to consider carefully what it said.

The Lord President, Sir Geoffrey Howe, would say when he thought the report should be debated. It would be courteous to leave it at that.

Executioners unavailable

Britain is without an official executioner, **Mr David Mellor**, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply to Mr Thomas Cox (Tooting, Lab), who had asked how many qualified executioners there were at present, and how and by whom such people were trained.

Mr Mellor added that the Home Office did not know how many of those who had performed the task in the past were still alive.

Lower taxes praised

The Government's policy of lowering taxation had increased enterprise, brought more jobs and raised the standard of living higher than had ever been known before, Mrs Thatcher said at question time. The Government would never think of putting up tax rates to the 59.5 per cent that was being suggested by the Opposition, she added.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Debate on Commons Procedure. Government Trading Bill, remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Debate on manufacturing industry. Abortion (Amendment) Bill, committee.

Calls for hospital controls

PRIVATE HEALTH

A Conservative MP called at question time for a health commissioner to be appointed to police private health care and to investigate complaints.

Mr John Lee (Pendle, C) said that there was increasing public concern about the level and variation of charges in the private health sector and the continually rising insurance premiums.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for Health, said that the Department of Health had no powers to monitor private hospital medical charges and insurance premiums.

"I do not think it is the responsibility of the Government to control these costs, but I do share his concern.

Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, asked him at least to condemn excessive charages is the private sector.

It was an outrage that that Bupa should charge £168 for a cotton swab and £983 for a drug that cost £13. "How does that happen in a competitive market?"

Now that they knew, through the National Audit Office report, that the National Health Service could do operations at half the cost of private hospitals, the Government would get better value by putting public money into public hospitals rather than putting in tax relief for private ones.

Mr Freeman said that the National Audit Office had reported "good value for money" for the £50 million spent by the National Health Service in private hospitals on long-term contracts for 30,000 patients.

Britain stands by sanctions policy

The Government's policy on South Africa was strongly defended by the Prime Minister when she said at question time that it was right that sanctions should be lifted "step by step".

Mr Alan Amos (Hexham, C) had asked her to persist in her determination to lift the voluntary ban on investment in South Africa and to confirm that other countries were investing there.

Mrs Thatcher said that President de Klerk had taken fundamental decisions that had gone further in the direction of ending apartheid than any other previous government.

"In such circumstances and the actions that he has taken, we believe it right, step by step, to lift some of the sanctions, in particular the voluntary ones."

There were six other countries in the Community that had voluntary bans on investment in South Africa, so Britain was not alone. There was no suggestion of lifting those sanctions that were in force by Order.

It was not possible to do anything about investment and reinvestment from profit in South Africa. BMW (South Africa) had just announced the latest £25 million instalment of a five-year investment programme of £120 million.

"This does mean jobs and security and an improvement in living standards for the work force and should be welcomed."

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MIKE WILKINSON

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, on board the Type-23 frigate HMS Norfolk at the Yarrow shipyard on the Clyde yesterday with Captain Jonathan Band and Second Officer Chella Franklin, the first Wren officer to be assigned to a ship.

Electricity cost 'stable this year'

ENERGY

There was no reason why there should be any increase in the average price of electricity this year, **Mr John Wakeham**, Secretary of State for Energy, told MPs.

Speaking during an Opposition debate on the effects of privatization of the industry, he said that he was now able to inform the House of his latest thinking. "The likelihood now is that the average price increase overall for the electricity consumer in April should be below the current rate of inflation.

"In fact, many industrial consumers — those above one megawatt who will be for the first time negotiating prices in a truly competitive market — will benefit from price reductions."

Where they were not able to do so — perhaps because they would need time to negotiate — the Government had sought an undertaking from the industry that it would use its best endeavours for a one-year freeze. He expected big reductions in the average price paid by the customer for one megawatt.

Customers below one megawatt would benefit from regulations and the change to price control he had announced last week.

"I see no reason why the average price to these customers should rise much more than the current rate of inflation this year."

Price control should prevent any further increase before the end of March.

Labour put prices up; the Conservatives kept them down. He could not comprehend the Opposition allegation that preparation for privatization put up prices. That was not the case.

Opening the debate, Mr **Frank Dobson**, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, moved a motion deploring the Government's obsession with electricity privatization which was pushing up electricity prices and undermining Britain's commitment to reducing acid rain.

He said that even before privatization electricity prices were being pushed up unnecessarily to boost the industry's assets.

The Government's commitment to combat acid rain was in danger of being set aside in order to reduce the industry's liabilities.

In the past three years the cost of generating electricity had fallen by 7 per cent, but average electricity bills had risen by 13 per cent and electricity board profits had gone up by 90 per cent.

Last November, the chief executive of National Power, Mr John Baker, had said that domestic consumers stood a good chance of getting through 1990 with no price rise. He had not bargained with Mr Wakeham. Privatization was already proving expensive to the consumer, damaging to the environment, harmful to the balance of payments, crippling to the manufacturers and inflationary.

It was time for the Government to think again. The Secretary of State should not agree with the "backsliders' charter" on acid rain proposed by the generating companies.

Over the past decade, Britain had been the dirty old man of Europe. It was time to look ahead, to make sure that by 2000 the skies were clear, the trees were growing again and the lakes and rivers were restored to their original purity.

"That is what the people are looking for the in 1990s and they will not forgive those who put privatization in advance of those hopes and aspirations."

Waiting lists being cut, says Clarke

The £31 million initiative to reduce hospital waiting lists would enable an extra 100,000 in-patients and day cases, and about an extra 90,000 out-patients, to be treated by the end of March this year, *Mr Kenneth Clarke*, Secretary of State for Health, said at questions.

A management team had been sent into the 22 districts with the longest waiting lists and as a result they had fallen by 12 per cent, he said.

The number of patients waiting more than a year had fallen by 17 per cent, with further reductions planned. Nationally, provisional figures for September last year suggested that waiting lists, in particular the number of patients waiting more than a year, had fallen since March last year.

Mr David Blunkett (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab) said that the Government should collect statistics nationally on the number of out-patients awaiting treatment.

A BBC survey had shown that health authorities would have to cut spending by a third unless they received more money. If those statistics were available nationally, it would show what people were experiencing on the ground, rather than the propaganda put out by Mr Clarke's department.

Mr Clarke said that his department collected accurate information. The results of the survey were nothing like what Mr Blunkett had described. They had shown that some districts had difficulty keeping within their cash limits but that all of them were spending more money and treating more patients.

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C) said that part of the waiting list problem was caused by short-term budget cuts being made in hospitals because there was no funding available for the many patients that came in from other districts.

Mr Clarke said that it was a habit of the NHS for some authorities to extend their services for 10 months of the year and then to make short-term changes at the end of the financial year. In future, districts would be much better able to match funds with patients.

Private notice question

Shipbuilding decision defended

The decision to end shipbuilding on the Wear at Sunderland was defended by Mr Douglas Hogg, Minister for Industry, when questioned about the future of North East Shipbuilders Ltd (NESL). Sunderland's economic future would be much better served by a more broadly based economy, he said.

Replying to a private notice question, *Mr Hogg* said that he had seen Sir Leon Brittan, the EC Commissioner, on February 2 to discuss the proposed sale of certain NESL sites.

Sir Leon had made clear that he would not accept any proposal predicated upon a return to shipbuilding even after the expiry of the five-year period during which shipbuilding had been precluded because of arrangements to finance non-shipbuilding developments.

"I saw the Anglo-Greek consortium [Transman Shipping and Charterwell Maritime] yesterday and told them of the Commission's view. I said that limited facilities to undertake a ship repair and refurbishment operation at the NESL North Sands site would be allowed. They are considering that offer."

An enterprise zone at Southwick would be designated as soon as possible.

Ms Joyce Quin, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said that the latest pronouncement by the Commission in the person of the Government's own appointee made further shipbuilding on the Wear virtually impossible.

There were many national implications flowing from the Commission's decision. Japan was taking the lion's share of the boom in shipbuilding orders and German yards were organizing joint ventures with their counterparts in East Germany.

Britain had lost more jobs than any other European country. Should not the Government have stood up for British shipbuilding at Sunderland more than it had done?

"The Government is guilty of failing to recognize the value of the shipbuilding industry and the role it can play in our industrial future."

Mr Hogg said that the blunt truth was that shipbuilding was cyclical. Shipbuilding at Sunderland had consumed vast quantities of public money and the Government would not be justified in subsidizing it as it had done.

Ms Quin should be more bullish about the town's future. An extensive remedial package had been put in place, including £45 million of remedial measures.

He hoped an enterprise zone there would create between 3,000 and 4,000 jobs.

Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) asked about "the hidden agenda" that allowed a British Government to give in, in the most subservient way, to Sir Leon Brittan.

Mr Hogg said that there was a powerful case to say that it was not in the interests of Sunderland to return to shipbuilding.

Mr Nicholas Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne East, Lab) said that the private sector was trying to preserve shipbuilding for Sunderland so why was Mr Hogg intervening to prevent that.

Mr Hogg said that there were viable private-sector alternatives to shipbuilding.

Mr Timothy Devlin (Stockton South, C) said that in the past 10 years the North-east had suffered a painful transition from old industries to new sunrise ones. They should press forward to the future and turn their backs on the past.

Mr Christopher Mullin (Sunderland South, Lab) said that it would be a crime if the shipyard was demolished. It should be kept in mothballs for four or five years.

Mr Phillip Oppenheim (Amber Valley, C) said that it was creating false hopes to say that shipbuilding had a future. It had an appalling history of awful management, poor labour relations and huge subsidies.

Mr Neville Trotter (Tynemouth, C) said that the future lay in the high-tech industries that would be created by the enterprise zone.

Complaints over attack on MP

Complaints that the attack at the wekend on Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C), the father of the House, had been made by pro-abortion campaigners were made by MPs who support a tighter law.

One said that the Metroplitan Police Commissioner should be brought in to consider the implications when MPs were attacked during "their democratic duties".

Dame Peggy Fenner (Medway, C) asked the Speaker to send MPs' best wishes to Sir Bernard after the "dastardly attack on him".

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that he had sent his best wishes on Monday.

Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maidstone, C) said that Sir Bernard had been injured after an incident at the Albert Hall involving acts of violence against several MPs.

Smoke bombs had been thrown during a speech by Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Lib Dem). The incidents were part of a picket called "Stop the Amendment Campaign" with which various MPs were closely associated. Should MPs be associated with such a campaign?

The Speaker said that if anything of the sort happened in the Commons he would take a poor view of it.

Mr Alton said that Sir Bernard had been attacked after speaking at a meeting to give details of a Bill before Parliament.

Would the Speaker ask the Metropolitan Police Commissioner to report on the incident and consider any implications if MPs were treated in this way during their democratic duties?

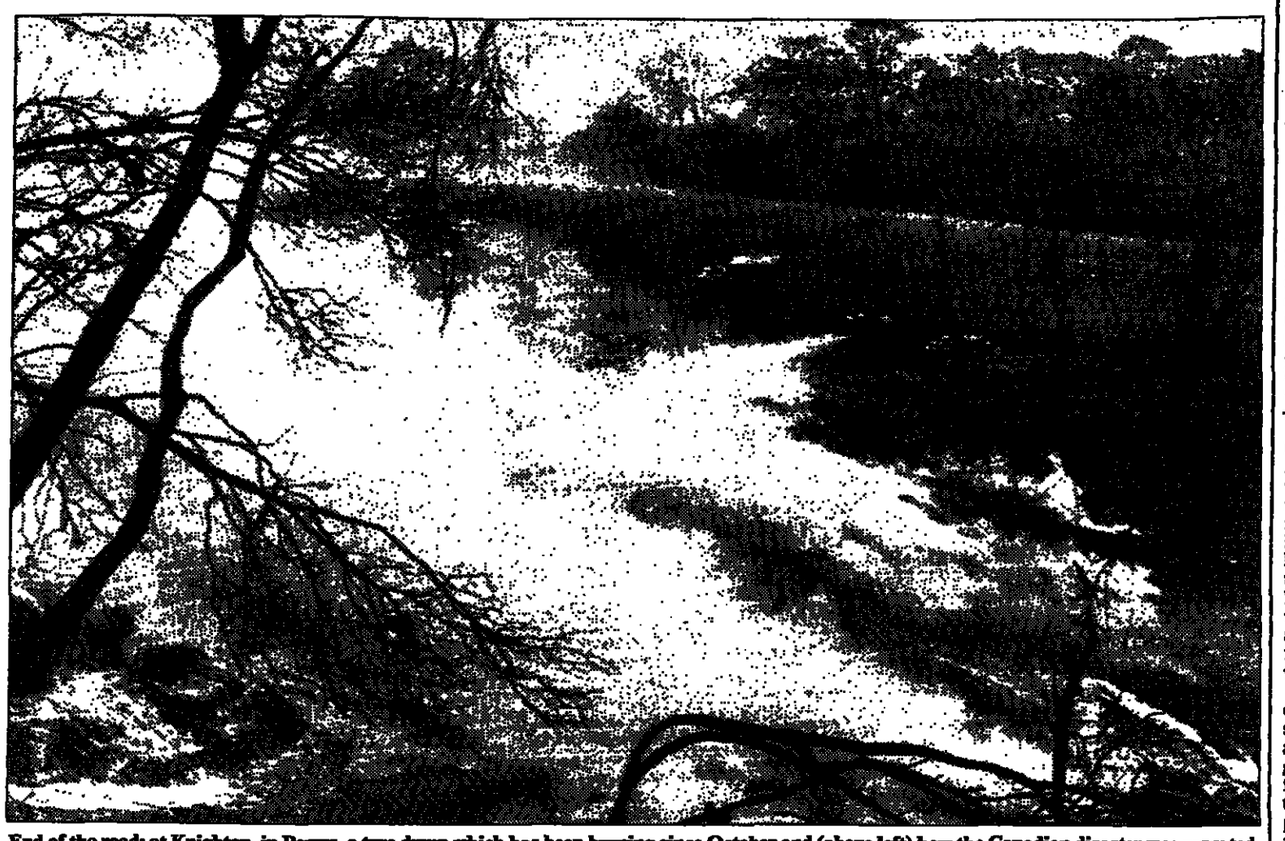
The Speaker said that the whole House judged such behaviour reprehensible, but he could not be responsible for the good health of MPs outside the Commons Chamber.

Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West, Lab) said that everyone deplored what had happened to Sir Bernard, but he objected to Miss Widdecombe's imputation that some MPs somehow endorsed or knew about the attack.

She was impugning the integrity of those who disagreed with her and she should withdraw.

A shadow over Britain

As black clouds from blazing tyres poison the air of a Canadian town, George Hill reports on the growing concern over our own waste disposal problem



End of the road: at Knighton, in Powys, a tyre dump which has been burning since October and (above left) how the Canadian disaster was reported

A towering column of black smoke above the little town of Hagersville, in Canada, is a signal to alert the world's conservationists to a waste problem which is ubiquitous but, as yet, scarcely recognized. A 14-acre dump of used tyres is burning out of control, and scattering toxic chemicals for miles around. The 15 million tyres have already been burning for a week at temperatures up to 2,500°F, and the blaze is so intense that firefighters have been unable to stop it. It may go on burning for six months or more, causing long-lasting pollution of the ground and water supplies by cancer-causing substances including benzene, the scourge of Perrier.

Tyres are an almost unnoticed aspect of the environmental costs of motor traffic. Pollution from noise, vibration and car exhausts are familiar problems, but conservationist organizations such as Friends of the Earth have scarcely begun to develop research or policy positions on the problem of tyres. There are no specific official rules outside the general planning regulations to ensure that storage dumps create no fire risk.

Hagersville is likely to change that. "Until this Canadian disaster, people were not fully aware of how great a fire hazard mounds of stored tyres can be," says Rod Dowler, a partner at the management consultants KPMG Peat Marwick, who has been preparing a report on the problem commissioned by the Department of Trade and Industry, to be delivered later this month.

In Britain alone, nearly 30 million tyres reach the end of the road every year. They represent 250,000 tonnes of vulcanized rubber, or the equivalent in tonnage of a fully-laden supertanker.

It has proved difficult to find new uses for old tyres that are economically viable. Designed to stand up to years of wear and tear on the motorway, they are relatively indestructible. They cannot be melted down and used again. After all the tugboats on the coast have taken as many tyres as they need to serve as fenders, and all the farmers in Britain have spread them over their silage heaps to stop the plastic covers blowing away, millions of unwanted tyres are left over. The final form of disposal for most of them is simply to be shredded and buried. Over the years, immense deposits of old tyres have built up under the ground.

'One possibility is to mix rubber crumb into asphalt to make a road surfacing'

In most cases, they are buried in a mixture with other, less inflammable, forms of refuse. This makes them less vulnerable to dramatic disasters like the one in Canada, where 15 million tyres were stored above ground on a single site. But the dangers are still real, partly because tyres are apt to accumulate in heaps because it is worth nobody's while to take them away. Tyre remould companies collect them from garages, sort out the ones that are fit to be given new treads, and dispose of the rest.

At least two major dumps in Britain have experienced fire problems. One, fully licenced by the local authority, is near Knighton, in Powys, Wales. A fire started at the end of October, probably as a result of arson, and spread deep into the accumulated masses of tyres which had been buried their over a period of about 25 years. The fire brigade managed to extinguish the surface fire within three days, but it continued to smoulder underground, arousing concern that pollution might flow into the local water supply.

"As far as I know it is still burning," a spokesman for the owners of the site, Motorway Remoulds, said yesterday. "It is buried under layers of soil, and under control. It is monitored on a daily basis by employees. At the moment we are making tests to establish the exact position of the fire, and then we may be able to inject materials through boreholes to put it out. The water situation is being monitored by the National Rivers Authority, and so far no contamination has been detected."

A similar dump near Glasgow caught fire as long ago as 1976, and was reported very recently to be still smouldering. Alarming as these subterranean fires are, they probably represent less of an environmental hazard than the relatively small dumps that accumulate in the open wherever cars are repaired or broken up and supervision is lax.

The problem of disposal would be becoming more acute even without the potential fire hazard. As sites for land infill grow scarce, the charges for dumping materials there goes up. And because the remould industry has to pay more for the huge numbers of tyres it throws away, its costs go up, too. This threatens the economics of the remould industry, which could contract. Then, as fewer tyres are remoulded, more worn tyres will have to be dumped, adding to the waste disposal problem.

Tyres are not an ideal material for infill, in any case. Buried intact, they are unstable and provide pockets in which pollution products can accumulate. Shredding them increases costs.

"The industry woke up to this problem some months ago, and we are looking closely at ways of dealing with it," says George Gullan, director of the British Rubber Manufacturers Association.

'In the long run, the right solution must be using them for power generation'

"In Australia fish farmers use them by dumping them in millions on the sea-bed to create an artificial reef. Some research has been done on rendering tyres down into crumbs, by freezing them. This makes them brittle, so that they can be smashed to a powder. One possibility is to mix rubber crumb into asphalt to make a road surfacing."

There is a certain appropriateness in the idea of the earthly remains of old tyres finding a last resting-place in the road surface, wearing the treads off the tyres of tomorrow. But the proposition does not look viable. In a classic environmental bind, putting recycled rubber into the asphalt makes the asphalt itself unsuitable for recycling.

Similar technology could create a slightly bouncy ground covering for use in children's playgrounds. But as Dowler ruefully admits: "You could turn the whole of southern England into a children's playground, and still use up only a fraction of the annual tyre output."

Gullan has no doubt about the long-term answer. "If you are looking towards next week, then landfill is the only answer to the problem. But in the long run, the right solution, in environmental as well as economic terms, must be using them for power generation."

The devastating heat and the threateningly rich mix of vapours unleashed into the atmosphere at Hagersville point to the sheer physical energy bound up in the material of tyres. In this context, today's conventional answers for disposal appear wasteful. "Tyres have a similar calorific content to coal," Dowler says. "In the long run, it will appear a waste of a valuable resource simply to bury them."

The pollution at Hagersville might seem to rule out burning as an answer. But with specially-designed furnaces, using the correct "scrubbing" equipment, old tyres can be incinerated at high temperatures, with, as Gullan insists, "nothing to be seen coming out of the chimney at all".

Old tyres are already used on a limited scale to fire cement kilns. At least one tyre manufacturing company, Avon Tyres, has for 15 years operated a small plant burning tyres to manufacture steam for use in industry. In the long run, it may be usual for tyres which have reached the end of the road to go up in flames — not destructively, as at Hagersville, but to provide the energy to make their successors.

A new danger to Flipper?

Dolphin 'circuses' at hotels are worrying conservationists, Kevin Toolis reports

It is the latest American promotional craze — come to our hotel and swim with a dolphin.

For $65 (£38), guests at the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa Hotel in Hawaii can frolic with dolphins in saltwater lagoons carved from lava, while on the Florida Keys, three marine parks offer the same encounter for a similar price, but in the less salubrious surroundings of a concrete tank.

At the Theater of the Sea on Islamorada, in the Keys, four Atlantic bottlenose dolphins work six days a week, three times a day, entertaining human customers. Each hour-long session involves circus-like tricks: the dolphins are trained to jump through hoops held by the swimmers, who then jump on their backs and grab their delicate dorsal fins to be pulled through the water.

Dolphin swims have become big business. Every session is booked months in advance and some centres gross more than £700 a day from their animals. And for the hotels involved, the "dolphin encounters" are a powerful attraction.

But both British and US environmental groups are deeply unhappy. British dolphin expert and former marine curator Doug Cartlidge, who visited the Theater of the Sea, says: "The whole objective is to get the dolphins to give you a kiss and do silly little tricks in the water. It's pure commercial exploitation."

But the dolphins' owners deny that the swim programmes are a marine circus. Theater of the Sea's curator, Mike Wood, says: "It's educational. The programmes can only heighten the public's awareness of these marine mammals . . . When people get out of the pool here they cannot wait to tell somebody down the street about it."

A brochure advertising the Hyatt Regency Waikoloa's dolphin "encounters" stresses that their programme is based on scientific research dedicated to the improvement of the animals' life in the wild and in captivity.

Cartlidge, who was involved in the attempt to save two dolphins trapped in a hotel swimming pool in Cairo, admits he was impressed by one centre — Dolphins Plus in Key Largo, Florida.

Dolphins Plus keeps 12 dolphins in a canal and pens for use in its swimming sessions. Visitors are required to undergo a 45-minute training lecture and are warned that the marine mammals could choose not to swim with them.

Cartlidge believes that Dolphins Plus is the only facility that does not use food to control the animals' behaviour patterns. "The whole attitude of the staff, from the owner down, was dolphins first."

Dolphins Plus opened in 1985; now there are four dolphin swim centres open, with many more planned, some of them in Italy and Spain. The Golden Nugget hotel and casino in Las Vegas has applied for permission to house six dolphins in a pool between tennis courts and the guest swimming pool.

Ten per cent of all captive dolphins in the United States are now being used in such centres. The demand for the animals has already led to a 400 per cent increase in 1988 in the number of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins captured in the Gulf of Mexico, with 56 animals being taken from the wild.

The increase in captures from a population already depleted by pollution and unlicensed fishing has been condemned by environmentalists. Greenpeace's Florida spokesman, Lesley Scheele, says: "Taking animals from the wild to put them in hotels reeks of commercial exploitation."

On display: bottlenose dolphin

The spectacular growth in the dolphin centres led last summer to a temporary ban on new facilities by the United States Marine Fisheries Service, which has published a draft report outlining different options for their future. But animal rights groups are already demanding that all such centres should cease operating. Nancy Hicks, of the US animal rights group, Animal Protection Institute, says: "They are a direct threat to the health of the animal through the transmission of human diseases. And there is also a potential threat to humans. The dolphins, although very gentle and intelligent, are also powerful, and there have been a number of injuries to people who have participated."

Sean Whyte of the British Whale Conservation Society says: "I am very concerned to see hotel chains becoming involved. What will happen to these dolphins when they are no longer the flavour of the month? What is their future?"

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CRAIG BROWN

"Does that mean you travel abroad a lot?" people ask when I tell them I am a journalist. When I reply that it means that I regularly travel to my study and back, they look a little sorry for me. For most people, extensive foreign travel is the only reasonable excuse for being a journalist.

For this reason, travel journalists are the only journalists to be envied by normal human beings. They are pictured swanning off with a loved one to a luxury hotel in some sunny part, there to trot out an article saying that: "Madrid/San Francisco/Torquay is a city of contrasts. Contrasts of sun and shade, rich and poor, steamy nightlife and gentle vistas . . . " and so on and so forth before spending the rest of their holiday sipping umbrella-laden cocktails on the beach.

From my very occasional excursions into travel journalism, I have found this picture to be untrue. In terms of human suffering, travel journalism ranks just a little worse than front-line war reporting, and just little better than the collection of showbiz gossip.

A few years ago, a magazine editor rang to ask me whether I would care to go to Venice for a week. New to the trade, I couldn't believe my luck. What was to follow would have provided irritation enough to keep my colleague Sir Clement Freud in articles for a year or more.

Arriving at Heathrow, I was met by a burly Italian travel representative, full of smiles. "I can't wait to be back in Venice again," I gushed. The Italian travel rep kept smiling, but failed to reply. I thought that he might not have heard me. "I've always loved Venice, can't wait to be back there," I repeated. Again, he just kept smiling. He then handed me a brochure detailing our trip and suggested, before I had a chance to take a look, that we board the plane.

As the plane took off, I began to look at the brochure. Of the six days, five and a half would be spent, it announced, in somewhere I shall call Verito Venezia. In my innocence, I imagined that this was an area of Venice which I had not come across before, somewhere a little off the beaten track. I caught the eye of a steward and asked him exactly whereabouts Verito Venezia was in Venice. He looked baffled. "Oh no, Verito Venezia, not in Venice," he said. "Hour, maybe two, outside."

On my arrival at Venice airport, I mentioned to the beaming travel rep that there must have been some mistake and that I had intended to write about Venice. "Verito Venezia, beautiful — beau-tiful," he said, shepherding me to a mini-bus. But, I said, I had imagined that we would be going to Venice. "We will," he replied, pointing to a schedule in the brochure which showed that a group would be given the opportunity to be escorted around St Mark's Square between 10.30am and 12 o'clock on the final day prior to embarkation. I was then bundled into the mini-bus, where I took my place among my fellow travel writers — three Germans, two Dutch and a Swede — as we set off at all possible speed away from Venice and towards Verito Venezia.

I had imagined that there would be a general feeling of disgruntlement among my fellow travel writers at such a hoodwinking, but they all seemed as happy as Larry to be going anywhere for free. The Swede, in particular, was wildly enthusiastic, declaring his love for the airline and his love for the travel firm, and his love for every place to which he had ever travelled. Throughout the rest of our brief acquaintance, he would show me his trophies from his 20 years of trips aboard. "Ah, Airline X is so kind, so very kind," he would say, showing me free luggage, free pens, free watches, all donated by Airline X. "And they are such good friends at travel agents Y," he would continue, pulling up his trouser legs to show me a flashy new pair of socks emblazoned in the agents' logo.

Verito Venezia was most certainly not Venice. A dull, 19th century town, it had recently been developed as a spa town for tourists. Flashy new hotels had been built and souvenirs invented, but then, within a year the spa had run dry. Alas, the town had nothing else to offer even the most easygoing tourist. So they hastily invented a grass ski slope — that's a slope with no snow on it — before arranging for friendly travel writers, of whom I was meant to be one, to be flown in. Short of a house of any possible historical interest, the city authorities had evacuated a perfectly normal family house, hastily erecting an admission box, red ropes and "please do not touch" signs to afford it an air of antiquity.

My fellow travel writers seemed happy to go along with this ruse, even go so far as to applaud when, as we squeezed into a humdrum kitchen, a pair of cupboard doors were opened to reveal an utterly unremarkable set of household crockery.

At the end of the second day, I approached the still-smiling travel rep and told him that there had, indeed, been some mistake. I was meant to be writing about Venice and not Verito Venezia, so I was afraid that I would have to leave. His smile disappeared from his face. "Impossible. You will stay here," he said, before marching off, his smile restored to present some gift to the Swede.

That night, I planned my escape with military precision. The rep, I discovered did not come down to breakfast before eight o'clock. The first train to Venice set off 25 minutes earlier, so I set my alarm for 7.15am, arranging for a taxi to meet me some 500 yards away in a back street. Aboard the train watching Verito Venezia disappearing into the distance, I felt a childish elation. I was alone. I was free. I was on my way to Venice. But, I had to admit, I was most certainly not a travel journalist.

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Sex, lies and surveys

A detailed new US survey suggests Americans are far more faithful to their spouses than Kinsey and others suggested. What about us? Alexandra King reports

Sexually active people are generally happier than those who aren't, happily married couples enjoy more sex than desperately seeking singles, and only 1.5 per cent of married people had a sex partner other than their spouse last year.

Or rather, in America they did. We know this – or we believe we know this – from what was reported yesterday as "the most detailed survey of American sexual behaviour since the Kinsey report 30 years ago". The survey – carried out by Professor Tom Smith of the University of Chicago, director of the General Social Survey – was part of a US government-funded study presented to the American Association for the Advancement of Science this week.

In America it drew comment because it challenged previous reports suggesting that affairs were much more prevalent. In Britain it is noteworthy because there is currently no behavioural study with which to compare it.

The vetoing, by Mrs Thatcher, of our first proposed government-funded national sex survey last year means that, for the moment, we cannot tell if Britons, like Americans, are happy and faithful within marriage. Britain must continue to rely on the often insubstantial and unsubstantiated data from attitudinal surveys conducted by social and market research organizations and women's magazines.

Are we, for example, to consider a survey of 500 *Cosmopolitan* readers conducted by the Nationwide Anglia building society, published in the January issue, which discovered that "despite wide publicity about Aids, only 13 per cent have reduced the number of different partners they have and have increased the use of condoms", as proof that Britons are unfaithful?

Dr Jon Bernardes of the Institute of Family Studies at Wolverhampton Polytechnic points out that such surveys depend on "volunteers who may be exhibitionists, or those who feel wonderful about their sex lives – or very unhappy people who want to talk about their problems, and can totally neglect the middle ground".

For those who don't read women's magazines there is the "Attitudes to Sexual Relationships" section of *Social Trends*, published annually by HMSO. The 1989 edition states that in 1987, 88 per cent of a sample of 1,391 people questioned believed that extramarital affairs were "always or mostly wrong", while 50 per cent thought that premarital sex was "rarely wrong or not wrong at all".

"But attitudinal surveys must not be confused with work on actual lifestyles," warns Julia Field, research director for Social and Community Planning Research (SCPR), the company which produces this information, and which also ran the pilot feasibility study for the vetoed national sex survey. The pilot study was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, and was meant to be for the benefit of the Department of Health and the Health Education Authority, which was particularly concerned with controlling the outbreak of Aids.

SCPR is currently recruiting and training between 600 and 700 researchers to begin what will be the "largest scientific survey of sexual behaviour ever undertaken", according to the Wellcome Trust, which is financing it to the tune of £960,000. It will be virtually the same random sample survey vetoed by Mrs Thatcher as an invasion of privacy, and should take an estimated three years to complete, Wellcome estimates.

The interviewing of 20,000 people across Britain should begin in "a month or two", says Dr David Gordon, Wellcome's programme director. When it is completed in about three years, it will tell us more, and more reliably, about the sex lives of the British than the legendary Kinsey report ever did about Americans, Gordon believes.

"Kinsey's findings are way out of date," Field agrees, "and he used a very peculiar sample. He designed a matrix to get people of certain ages and occupational standing, and she'd give talks and ask for volunteers. The current estimate that the homosexual population is 10 per cent is based on his findings, and may be very wide of the mark." (The Kinsey report found that 26 per cent of women had sex outside marriage, and a more recent American survey put the figure at 50 per cent – another reason the latest data are so surprising.)

"Whenever you use volunteer subjects you get a biased sampling," Gordon says. "Ours will be a random sample of sexually active people between the ages of 16 and 59, because although it would be interesting to include older people, you have to make a cut-off somewhere." (The American report found that sexual frequency declined from an average of 78 times a year for those under 40 to eight times a year for those aged over 70.)

Respondents will not be paid for their time, as they often are by market research companies in more commercial fields, but they will be assured of the confidentiality of their responses. "The questions have been refined because of the pilot study to produce the most reliable and consistent data," Gordon says. "They must be kept secret so that no one can formulate answers in advance."

But what is the ultimate point of such a survey? Annette Lawson, whose book *Adultery: An Analysis of Love and Betrayal* was published by Blackwell last year, says: "We need to know because our sexual relations are fundamental to our physical and mental health – and the health of the nation. As a sociologist I'd also say such an understanding is essential to our understanding of society."

She found when attempting to do her survey of 600 volunteers that "men are very scared of two things: to be demonstrated to be less potent than society expects them to be – and of women's sexuality".

"The survey has implications for many things other than planning for the spread of Aids," Gordon says. "It relates to hepatitis, venereal diseases, fertility and general health, and we will be asking questions about smoking, alcohol, weight and height."

It will be so specific, he says, that unlike other surveys, it may tell whether barristers are more likely to have affairs than bricklayers, or whether homosexuality is as common among accountants as among actors.

It will eventually be published in book form, Gordon says, and made available as a computerized database for researchers. And until this first comprehensive study is done, we simply have no way of knowing if marriage and sex make Britons feel great.

Brief British encounter: 45 years after Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson flirted with an extramarital screen affair, are we faithful to our partners?

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Mountains of Quorn

You can now find it in curries, Chinese dishes, "meat" pies, flans and "chicken chasseur", and new dishes which contain it are almost daily coming on to the market. Even Berni Inns has started to feature it on its menus. So it is probably time to familiarize yourself with Quorn, the vegetable protein which has the chameleon-like ability to look like meat or chicken and absorbs flavours from the sauces it is cooked in. It is low in calories and contains no cholesterol, but is high in protein and fibre, and is now being used by Tesco, Safeway, Bejam, Sainsbury, Waitrose and frozen food companies. A distant relative of the mushroom, it is only available at present in prepared meals, although its manufacturer, Marlow Foods, says it should eventually be available by the pound for use in home cooking. For further information about Quorn and Quorn products, write to the Quorn Information Service, Freepost, Ashford, Kent TN23 2WY.

Course work

The City of London Polytechnic is targeting women in a series of assertiveness training and image-enhancement short courses to be run from this week, including "career planning", "how to sell yourself at interviews" and "management development for women". Further details and application forms from The Short Course Unit, City Poly, 84 Moorgate, London EC2M 6SQ (01-283 1030).

Chat trap

Telephone chatlines are probably here to stay – so "call-barring" facilities are becoming an increasingly attractive option to householders troubled by exorbitant bills. Audioline, a telecommunications company, has produced a phone which can be programmed to stop some or all outgoing calls – provided it is clamped securely into the wall and there are no other extensions which can override the facility. The Tel 36, just launched, costs around £49.99 (from major suppliers such as Dixons and Currys), but considering how many people have run up thousands of pounds on chatlines, it could be a bargain. Further details from Liz Bolton & Associates, 159 Victoria Road, London W6 6TE (01-328 4992).

Victoria McKee

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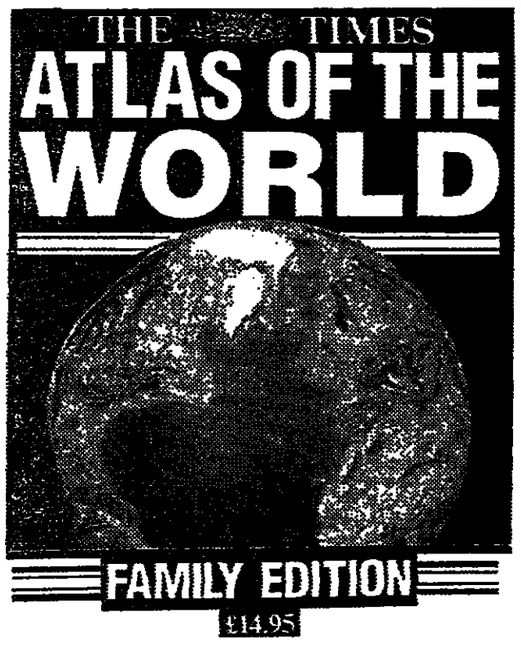
"I've not had too many problems with men, it's women. We have a long way to go in this country before women can accept other women for the way they look and the money they earn." **Selina Scott**



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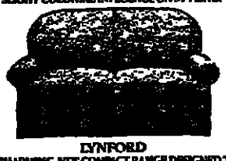

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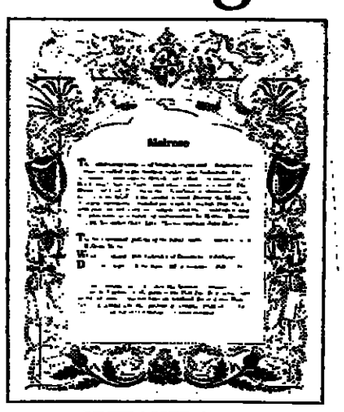

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TIMES DIARY

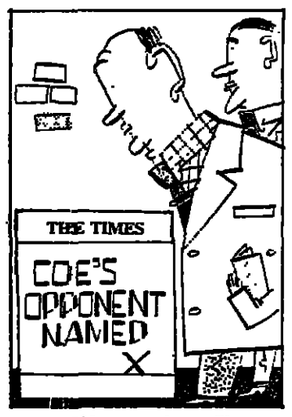
RICHARD FORD

John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, has unwittingly helped to introduce a new term into civil service jargon for punishing criminals. He wrote most of the Criminal Justice White Paper himself, liberally sprinkling the text with expressions about criminals "getting their just deserts"; but being a bit of a gourmet, Patten added an extra "s" to the deserts. The task of weeding out the additional letter became such a talking point among Home Office officials that the talk led, perhaps inevitably, to the eating habits and shape of Labour's deputy leader and home affairs spokesman, Roy Hattersley. So the new phrase "Criminals getting their Hattersleys" has emerged in Whitehall. Hattersley may think this is rather unfair, especially as Patten too loves his food. Indeed, he has won praise from his friends for his culinary skill in knocking up a rice pudding renowned for consisting largely of Calvados.

Sartorial standards may generally be in decline, but it is good to know that London's clubland still insists on proper dress for dinner. Emma Nicholson, the immaculately groomed Conservative MP for Devon West and Torridge, recently invited Clifford Stoll, an American astronomer, to dine at the Reform Club. She gently reminded him that a tie would be in order, assuming that he would naturally wear a jacket. She assumed wrongly; her guest was stopped, courteously but firmly, at the entrance. However, help was at hand. A butler's jacket was produced from the basement, allowing Stoll to proceed to dinner dressed in the unlikely combination of jacket, jeans, sneakers, shirt and a turquoise bow tie. Several days later, he is still labouring under the delusion that the Reform Club is an upholder of liberal and radical behaviour.

As the tide of history sweeps away the workers' paradises of Eastern Europe, is there any need for a bank holiday in May honouring international labour? Tory MP Robert Dunn thinks not. He is urging its abolition and an extra day in August. This year the day would honour the Queen Mother, who will be 90 on August 4 — a fitting tribute from a nation whose Royal Family has taught its counterparts in much of Europe a lesson in survival.

BARRY FANTONI



'If he comes last, will he blame a virus?'

Douglas Hurd's decision to appoint his former Home Office press officer to head the news department at the Foreign Office heralds a game of musical chairs among Whitehall's information chiefs. With Brian Mower ensconced at the FO, the job at the Home Office is tipped to go to Adrian Moorey, now director of information at Trade and Industry. Moorey might be relieved to leave a department headed by the free-market Nicholas Ridley, who would delight in nothing more than still greater reductions in its activities.

Tipped to rejoin Ridley, her old boss, at the DTI is Jean Caines, who served as director of information at Environment. Meanwhile Andy Wood, now at the Northern Ireland Office, is being mentioned for a transfer to Environment. That leaves Allan Percival, chief press officer at the London branch of the Northern Ireland Office, poised to take up the job in Stormont Castle. A "minder" to journalists during the Falklands conflict, and with previous information office service in the Ministry of Defence and Army headquarters at Lisburn, he is no stranger to the intricacies and sudden storms that punctuate the province's politics.

Defeating the miners was the high point of Mrs Thatcher's second term in office, expunging the NUM humiliations heaped on the Conservatives a decade earlier. But Sir Ian MacGregor might be forgiven for wondering when the Tories will stop refighting the private battles that went on behind the scenes during that struggle. Peter Walker, then Energy Secretary, will fan the embers of the rows with an interview on Channel 4 this weekend in which he says everyone agreed that MacGregor was terrible at public relations and was way out in predicting how long the strike would drag on.

Student loans: **Philip Goodhart** urges revival of a well-tried system

A pledge full of promise

As an Oxford professor reminded me over our guest-night port, there is nothing new about government loans for undergraduates: "I would never have been able to afford to go to university if I hadn't been given a loan. In return I had to promise to teach in a state school for three years or more. It was rather a good scheme."

My professorial companion was one of the last participants in an arrangement known as "The Pledge", which paid for tens of thousands of aspiring teachers to attend British universities between 1911 and 1951. Hard-up students could contract to teach for three or more years in a state-maintained school in return for loans of between £60 and £70 a year.

These loans, which were generally administered by local education authorities, were written off as soon as the teacher had fulfilled his side of the bargain. "Pledge" undergraduates spent three years reading for a degree, and a fourth year in teacher training. After the abolition of the scheme in 1951, the number of prospective teachers embarking on university courses fell sharply. The time has come for the Government to introduce an updated version of the scheme.

From the outset, the Government's student loan proposal has been criticized on the grounds that graduates would be discouraged from going into teaching or other worthy public sector jobs with low starting salaries. Certainly, many graduate teachers starting on £9,390 a year would find it difficult to repay loans of £1,500 within five years of starting their careers.

During the projected graduate shortage, many private employers will doubtless try to attract well qualified graduates with "golden hellos", including offers to repay their undergraduate loans soon after they start work.

So writing off a quarter of a graduate teacher's loan in return for each successfully completed year's teaching in a state-maintained school might be a bargain for the employer as well as for the young teacher. As a start, the Government could introduce an accelerated write-off scheme for those new teachers with subjects in particular demand: science, mathematics and languages.

Would-be doctors are also worried. The average doctor is better paid than most teachers, but his loan liability is likely to be higher too. Medical students face a course of at least five years, with little opportunity to find holiday jobs, and there are plenty of stories from America of doctors who leave medical school with accumulated debts of up to £50,000. The Royal College of Physicians has recently set up a study group to consider the impact of loans on medical education, and to suggest the best way to implement a loan write-off scheme.

The Government's new loan scheme will begin at a time when young hospital doctors are complaining with increasing stridency about their hours, conditions and pay. An accelerated loan write-off scheme for them will not necessarily mean that they get more sleep, but it would give them sweeter dreams.

And what about the nurses? And graduates in professions allied to medicine? There is general agreement that we need a substantial number of graduate nurses, speech therapists and psychotherapists. The value to the community of their work is clear, but very few of these professionals are ever likely to earn much more than their income tax inspectors. People who enrol in these caring professions have arguably the strongest case of all for quick write-offs of their student loans.

The way the Government has drafted the Education (Student Loans) Bill makes it exceptionally easy — technically — for it to adopt and adapt a comprehensive loan write-off scheme. Section 1-(1)(c) of Schedule 2 of the Bill gives the Secretary of State for Education the power to "make provision for the deferment or cancellation of a borrower's liability in respect of a loan".

Will the Government use this power? At the very end of the Committee stage of its passage through the Commons, in response to a brief debate on an amendment calling for the cancellation of loans for students entering useful professions, Robert Jackson, the Education Minister responsible, said: "We have an open mind... We shall monitor the position."

At the moment, there is no doubt that ministers would like to see the evolution of a rudimentary loan write-off scheme. If local education authorities want to write off the loans of young teachers, ministers will politely applaud. And if hospitals want to find money to cancel the debts of young doctors, ministers will certainly not object.

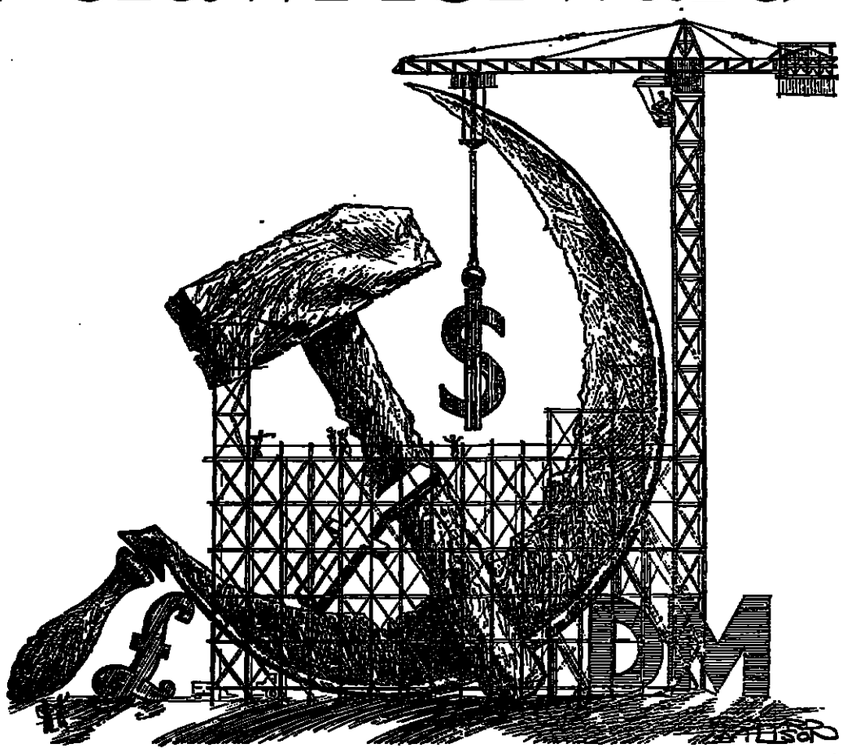
There is no sign yet, however, that the Education ministers have won the argument in favour of a major national write-off concession. If they did, the problems of recruiting graduate teachers, nurses and speech therapists would be significantly eased. The Government would also have dealt with the most damaging criticism of the present scheme, at no great cost to the taxpayer, before the end of the century.

This would be a cheap and sensible way for the Government to show that it understands the pressures faced by those who want to serve the community in jobs that require special skills, even if they are low-paid.

Perhaps the cross-bench peers in the House of Lords will persuade the Government to adopt a scheme which would be cheap, popular and worthwhile.

Sir Philip Goodhart is Conservative MP for Beckenham.

Help Moscow in its slow crawl forward



Giles Radice believes generous Western aid in rebuilding the shattered Soviet economy would be in our own long-term interest

We in the West are facing two difficult and interlocking issues: how to deal with the waning of Soviet power in central and Eastern Europe, and how to encourage the development of stability within the Soviet Union itself. In this sense, the key European problem of the 1990s is not the German but the Soviet question.

The collapse of Soviet influence has been sudden. Mr Gorbachov's repudiation of the Brezhnev doctrine proved unexpectedly decisive: without the support of Soviet troops, the puppet regimes of Eastern Europe were quickly swept aside. At home, Mr Gorbachov is fully engaged in grappling with mounting political and economic difficulties. In effect, the post-war division of Europe, based on overwhelming Soviet power in the East, has been consigned to the dustbin. Now a new European order has to be created.

Already the outlines of that order can be seen. Central and Eastern Europe are likely to be democratic; a united Germany is likely to be a member of Nato (although eastern Germany will remain outside Nato's sway); there will be agreement on short-range nuclear weapons and on greatly reduced conventional forces; Nato and the Warsaw Pact will remain in existence for the time being, but will be underwritten by a new pan-European security arrangement later this year.

But if a fresh European settlement has been made possible by the decline of Soviet power, it cannot be made effective without full Soviet participation. It is sometimes argued, mostly in the United States, that the disintegration of the Soviet Union — through either economic dislocation or civil war, or both — would be to the advantage of the West. I believe that is mistaken.

Despite its interests in Asia, the Soviet Union is a European power, and whatever happens there affects the rest of us. A Soviet Union in chaos, particularly one armed with nuclear weapons, is a danger to the rest of Europe.

Moreover, without a Soviet counter-weight, Europe will be dominated by the new united Germany. The democratic federal Germany of the 1990s will be very different from the Germany of Hitler or of the Kaiser, and it will be integrated with the EC and will remain a member of Nato, guaranteed by the American deterrent. Nevertheless, a continent without a balance of power is less secure. So it is in our interests for a stable Soviet Union to be constructively involved in Europe.

Stability in the Soviet Union can be guaranteed only if the country is both democratic and prosperous. The development of successful post-war societies in West Germany and Japan is at least partly due to the potency of those ingredients, and it is in Western interests for the Soviet Union too to become a prosperous democracy.

The problem for Mr Gorbachov and the West is that far more progress has been made on the political than on the economic front. The momentous end to the constitutional insistence on the leading role of the Communist Party is a recognition of the pluralism that is already established and which is likely to lead to full democracy.

The economy, however, has gone from bad to worse. There is less to buy in the shops than there was 10 years ago, money has lost its value, and the command economy is kept going only by a primitive system of barter. Even more depressingly, there is little evidence of any agreement on what should be done. The first faltering steps towards a market-orientated economy were delayed last December by Nikolai Ryzkhov, the Soviet prime minister.

The new platform, which has been passed by the central committee and is being presented to the July party congress, is much more positive in its backing for the market economy. But support in principle now has to be translated into practice.

The combination of greater democracy and a weakened economy is potentially highly inflammable. The real danger to the Soviet Union is not the rise of nationalism on its periphery (Russia can survive without the Baltic states and Azerbaijan, even without Armenia and Georgia). The danger is rather that economic failure will lead to the breakdown of democracy and the rise of authoritarian populism. What happened in central Europe between the wars is a warning that once such forces have been unleashed, they can quickly overwhelm not only democratic governments, but the most carefully devised international settlements.

I doubt it will be possible to bring about a transformation of the arthritic Soviet economy without considerable Western assistance. The lack of relevant skills and technologies, and the scale of the task of changing a command economy mean that foreign help will be essential. For ideological and nationalist reasons, there is still strong resistance to the principle of such help, but as the situation deteriorates, the need for Western aid will become inescapable. It is very much in our long-term interest for the West to respond constructively.

There is of course no question of a blank cheque. Western assistance must be tied to a credible economic strategy. As leading Soviet economists already argue, this should include monetary reform, the introduction of market disciplines into the state sector, and the spread of private enterprise, particularly in land and distribution.

The immediate priority must be to restore the value of the rouble as a medium of exchange. Professor Shemelev of the USA/Canada Institute estimates that at least 200 billion roubles are now at large in the Soviet economy without any real use. What is urgently required is currency reform to bring the rouble nearer to being convertible. In addition, measures must be taken to establish realistic pricing in the state sector. At the same time, the number of private markets must be greatly increased while the necessary legal steps are taken to permit private ownership of land.

Such an economic strategy would need Western support. International backing would be needed to underwrite the currency. Resources would be required to finance retraining and redeployment as market disciplines begin to bite in the public sector. Far greater technical and managerial skills would be needed. There would have to be investment through joint ventures and leasing. Free export of technology would be vital. In short, there would have to be major Western participation in the Soviet economy.

It can be argued that if the EC becomes heavily involved in Eastern Europe, there will not be sufficient resources to mount a similar effort in the Soviet Union. That is why the Western initiative must include Japan and the US as well as the EC. It must harness the resources of the entire developed world.

In the long term, the benefits of such an initiative would be considerable. Not only is the Soviet Union rich in resources, it is a potentially vast market. It could be the motor for continued world growth well into the next century. The costs of standing aside have also to be taken into account. The risks of watching from the sidelines while the Soviet Union slides into chaos — with all that could mean for the new European settlement — are too great to be contemplated.

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Peter Stothard

California to the fore

Los Angeles

A group of frustrated Californians is poised to give the 1992 presidential election campaign a premature kick-start. George Bush may still be riding at record heights in the polls, and the Democrats may still have no clear challenger to him, but what appears to be a technical timetable change now before the state senate in Sacramento has done more to stir America's weary polity than the year's budget deficits, the defence cuts and speeches by the Rev Jesse Jackson put together.

The nation's biggest, richest and most rapidly expanding state is tired of having virtually no influence on the choice of contestants for the White House. Its primary election — traditionally held in June — has usually been too late in the season to have significant influence.

In June 1988, neither Jackson nor Michael Dukakis bothered to bring his primary bandwagon to California. Dukakis appeared at a few airports and Jackson posed with black ghetto gang leaders, but it was a desultory summer for the Democrats. By that time, Bush already had the Republican nomination in his pocket.

Last week, a National Democratic Party panel accepted a request from California's Democrats that the Californian primary be brought forward to the first Tuesday in March. If, as seems likely, the state legislature and governor approve, aspirant presidents of the future will have to go directly from the ten-men-and-a-dog Iowa caucuses and the wastes of New Hampshire to the teeming suburbs of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The impact could be enormous. Democrat bosses, for example, hope that it will mean a much earlier choice of final candidate. Most recent rule changes in the party have been aimed at giving more influence to activists and more time for them to tear each other and their party into small, unelectable pieces. If a candidate could quickly take a major slice of the biggest pile of convention votes, it would secure his position sooner.

The established Democrat runners will also take heart from the move. Campaigning in California costs serious money. To campaign there only two weeks before taking on the combined Southern states on "Super Tuesday" would be doubly demanding of funds.

The money might be fairly easily raised by Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, who distinguished himself in the débâcle of 1988, or Mario Cuomo of New York, or Bill Bradley of New Jersey, but middle-income aspirants should start fund-raising now — a year before they might otherwise bring out their begging bowls. Poorer players may find the game is over before they start.

Californian politicians are, not surprisingly, bullish about the proposal, hoping that their problems and values will play a larger part in the national electoral consciousness. Their state is not only the largest, but one of the most representative in the union. Electioneering here will give high priority to urban issues, immigration, drugs and violent crime.

North-eastern liberalism — particularly when applied to the judicial system — has not served the Democrats well. In Sacramento they say that if Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis had been forced to harden their positions in Ronald Reagan country, they might have been less massively defeated everywhere else.

The creeping forward of the primary polls is part of an established trend. In 1976 and 1980, the Democrats reached the halfway point in delegate selection at the end of April. In 1984, they were halfway there weeks earlier, and in 1988 this was pushed back by a further four weeks to "Super Tuesday", March 8.

This so-called "frontloading" has not, however, gone far enough to counter other more fissiparous trends within the party. For example, unlike the Republicans, who had a winner-takes-all rule for their 175 delegates, the 336 Californian delegates sent to the Democratic national convention in 1988 were divided in proportion to the votes cast for each contender. This system is not under challenge, but unless it is changed, the delegates to the 1992 national convention may have barely more influence over the choice of a presidential candidate than they have had in the past.

The law of unintended consequences is rarely more active than when applied to changes in electoral rules. "Super Tuesday" was designed as a ploy to concentrate the influence of the conservative Democratic South by holding a number of primaries simultaneously. The result in so vast a poll was merely a test of machinery and resources. The Southern flag-bearer, Al Gore of Tennessee, could not beat the superior Dukakis organization. The real beneficiary was George Bush, whose nomination worries ended on that day.

As Democrat mandarins in Washington discuss and digest the effects of the Californian move, their greatest worry is a mirror-image of their greatest hope. They fear that if an unsuitable unknown were to win New Hampshire, he might too easily appeal to Californian faddishness. With the help of free publicity rather than paid advertising, such a candidate could become the party's clear front-runner before he had been sufficiently tried and tested.

New York knocked down Gary Hart in 1984. The question is, would Los Angeles have been so wise? The move has also raised more traditional Eastern fears of California's suppressed power and influence.

It has long been lightly said in Washington that the centre of gravity in the US is moving west. With the ties to the old battlefields of Europe rapidly being loosened and the bonds to the new economic master in Japan becoming stronger, the cliché may soon become persuasive reality — with consequences for the fight to occupy the White House and far beyond.

That's life on the ocean wave

GRIFF RHYS JONES

Antigua

A block of flats has just floated past: a big, slab-sided condominium with three crew members on the foredeck and one huge, careful owner four storeys up: lounging in the shade of his outsize billiard ball sat-comm system, and slithering into English Harbour for lunch.

The yachts around here are much like the yachts at Brightlingsea, that Essex haven for old-salt stockbrokers ever willing to take on force four North Sea gales. In shape, that is, but not in size. In these parts 50ft is nothing, 70ft common, a billion yards not all that remarkable. It's the 20ft Westerly with the outboard motor that turns heads on Swedish Retailer III (a private mini-liner with standing headroom in the bilges) or Swiss Chemical Heiress (90 feet of chrome and black plexiglass like a huge sea-going kitchen utensil).

The busy people's nautical bolt-holes are polished and primed for the wild blue yonder, but being busy people, they are too busy being busy to use them. So the whole flotilla is up for rent.

Anyone can hire one of these beauties. Anyone, that is, with a bank or two awash with loose change.

"A very well-known film producer from Hollywood", I am told, "spends $250,000 a year chartering." I look suitably impressed. "He doesn't want the hassle of owning his own boat." I turn down the corners of my mouth and nod in complete understanding, as one does. I have the same feeling about television sets. It's only a matter of loose change, after all.

But a boat has certain advantages over a hotel suite. Your hotel room does not usually float in a heated swimming pool full of interesting and poisonous fish. Dolphins do not jump around like mad subway surfers intent on banging their heads on the floorboards. And you cannot cut loose and propel your accommodation out into the Caribbean.

Mind you, neither can I at the moment. It was on the agenda. I had cleared my decks of odd meetings, hired 30-year-old NY Oil Broker II and handed in my essay one week in advance.

"It's a lovely theatre," I wrote of the Savoy, to which *Thark*, in which I was appearing, was due to transfer from the Lyric Hammersmith, "and a lucky one too." On reflection, I was unwise to write that. Tempting fate. For when we popped ashore for a moment (I was unwise to do that too), somebody came running down the 18th-century dock with a 20th-century telex in his hands.

"Savoy burned down," it read. "Run in jeopardy. Telephone." It's the sort of communication you read four times and still think is a practical joke, but I took my turn in the Cable and Wireless office with the gnarled and weather-beaten tycoons.

"You're in the clear," said Peter faintly across the line from London, "you've an alibi. The theatre is gutted. So is André." As producer, if André doesn't deliver a first night, he gives his angels their money back. Alas, he has already spent most of it, so, as we say in the business, the show must on. André is therefore looking around every reasonably large room with seats and a raised end in central London.

"Can we phone you back?" Peter asked.

"I'm on a cruise to nowhere."

"Well phone us when you get there."

So on Wednesday I stand again in the queue to use Antigua's telephone. I speak to Loretta.

"They'll know tomorrow," she says with cheery predictability.

The next day I speak to Lorraine, who speaks to Anna, who finds Loretta. "You sound like Mickey Mouse," she tells me. I do my Scrooge McDuck voice and she puts me on to Peter.

It's off. That's it. Nixed. It all seems unbelievable to me, but at these telephone rates, who's arguing? Suddenly I have more than six free days. Suddenly I have 15 free weeks. This is appalling! Marooned in Antigua! Calamity!! (This is for André's benefit.)

Of course, every silver lining has its cloud. I couldn't get a mooring to enable me to go ashore and cable this piece. However, if I reach across with my handy boathook, I can just tap on the wall of an outsize tub. I'm sure the zillionaire will let me use his outsize billiard ball. And if he won't — well, to be frank, I don't greatly care. I'm off into that wild blue yonder before the Savoy miraculously rebuilds itself, or Prince Edward intervenes, or *The Mousetrap* folds.

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THE DUTY OF AN MP

There is nothing new about the risk of conflict between the public responsibilities of a member of Parliament and his private interests. The MP's presence in the Palace of Westminster, his access to public figures and his ability to put pressure on ministers all act as a magnet to clients anxious to hire him. The temptations to which this exposes members are only too obvious.

These dangers have been recognized for centuries. In 1372, for example, an ordinance disqualified lawyers altogether from membership of the Commons on the grounds that they exploited their position in the interests of their clients to the public disadvantage. Today, with insistent demands for MPs to act as "consultants", they must register their remunerated interests and disclose them specifically when taking part in Commons' business.

There is nothing wrong with outside interests; indeed, the House benefits from the breadth of knowledge they bring. But they must be in the open. The rules are clear and comprehensive. An MP must disclose "any relevant pecuniary interest or benefit of whatever nature, whether direct or indirect, that he may have had, may have, or may be expecting to have." It is this rule that Mr John Browne, the Conservative MP for Winchester, has breached according to the Commons' Select Committee on Members' Interests.

It is no mere technical offence. The select committee has recommended that "in the light of the serious nature" of its findings, early action should be taken by the whole House, and the report must now be debated. No precise sanctions, however, are laid down for breaches of the rules. When the rules were established it was said simply any breach might be considered as a contempt and that "the sanction of possible penal jurisdiction by the House should be sufficient." That raises the possibility of Mr Browne's censure or suspension.

The public side of Mr Browne's private life has been eventful. After an acrimonious divorce from his first wife, she was ordered to pay him £270,000 (including costs) as settlement. The proceedings he then took against her to obtain the money (she has since been declared bankrupt) led to his position as MP being challenged in his constituency party.

Subsequently, Mr Browne sponsored a private member's Bill in an attempt to safeguard individual privacy against journalistic probing. It was a measure that would have prevented the renewed probing in newspapers and on television that has led to these new revelations.

Most seriously, he is found not to have disclosed a number of foreign payments, notably a substantial payment from the Saudi Arabian Government for advising them in a study on asset freezing, at which time a number of his parliamentary interventions were on related matters. He also failed to register a client relationship with Lebanese businessmen, even though he was lobbying ministers.

None of this is law-breaking. But it is a serious breach of parliamentary rules — not mere conventions — made in the public interest. For the Commons, there are the questions whether the rules should be tightened (only their looseness enabled Mr Browne to escape some of the complaints), whether there should be more explicit sanctions and what is to be done about Mr Browne so long as he is an MP.

For Mr Browne's constituents, there is the question of his future candidature if he does not resign. In the interests of his party and of Parliament, there seems to be little doubt that resignation of his seat now would be the honourable course, inconvenient though a by-election would be for his party just now.

If Mr Browne chooses not to resign, his constituency party would be wise to make it clear that it will choose another candidate at the next general election. This would be re-selection of a proper sort. An MP must account for his conduct and live up to the job. If he does not, he should go.

ILL-JUDGED IN HANOI

It now seems unlikely that Vietnam will accept the deal offered in Hanoi yesterday by the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Francis Maude. This will impose a further delay in the forcible repatriation of Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong. It should be used by the British Government to reconsider a policy which reflects no honour on this country or on Hong Kong.

The essence of the British offer was that, if Vietnam honoured its "international obligations" by accepting these deportees, Britain would help in the construction of reception facilities for those returning, voluntarily or involuntarily. If the traffic became well established, Britain also held out the prospect of modest quantities of development aid at an unspecified future date, breaking with a Western aid embargo in existence since Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978.

Mr Maude hoped to leave Hanoi with a firm, and imminent, date for resuming forced repatriation. The British and Hong Kong governments have been pressing for this on the ground that continued forced repatriation is the only effective deterrent against a further influx of boat people next month, when the monsoon changes. Vietnam has declined to set a date unless and until the policy has international endorsement.

The Vietnamese Government claims to have been shocked by the manner in which 51 tearful boat people, mainly women and children, were deported by night from Hong Kong last December; and there is little doubt that it was taken aback by the international outcry which ensued. At last month's meeting in Geneva of the 29-nation UN steering committee on Indo-Chinese refugees, Hanoi made its doubts evident.

The majority agreed on a six-month delay to give voluntary measures time to work. When the US insisted on a year's grace, Hanoi proposed a compromise, a gap of nine months. Since then it has made it clear that it will not move without Washington's assent. That insistence is, however, probably based less on moral repugnance than on solid considerations of its national interest. For Vietnam to have agreed to Britain's proposal would have been to trade the promise of small sums of British aid for the certainty that Washington would persist in blocking far larger sums.

Viewed from Hanoi, it could even be said that the plight of the boat people, and the sympathy they arouse, serve to focus attention on the needs of a devastated country which has embarked on economic reforms and is desperate for accompanying foreign investment. The Foreign Office's aid-for-deportation bargain looks, in that context, somewhat naive.

It is also dishonourable. Without the conditions attached, the relaxation of Britain's aid embargo would have been a recognition of the need to tackle the problem of the boat people by improving their prospects at home. The offer should now be freed of any conditions, other than that of strict monitoring of the uses to which funds are put.

Meantime Britain and Hong Kong should make an effort at making voluntary repatriation work, beginning with the 1,600 boat people in Hong Kong waiting to go home of their own volition — who should surely take precedence over those who resist.

Ideally all will eventually return in the conditions of "safety and dignity" Britain has promised them. In a report published today, Amnesty International records that despite legal reforms, all boat people are still legally liable to imprisonment, for terms of up to 12 years, or "re-education" on their return. Torture in prison remains widespread. While these violations of human rights persist, to send people back against their will is not the hallmark of a civilized country.

HUMBUG IN DUBLIN

The Government has taken the right decision in dropping, unilaterally, its ban on new investment in South Africa. But its failure in Dublin yesterday to persuade other European Community countries to do the same is disappointing, however predictable. The decision to dispatch an EC delegation to Pretoria must be welcomed. So too must the fact that Britain, for once, did not stand alone — but had its oldest ally Portugal on its side. Even so the EC has once more muffed its chances.

Earlier this month the same foreign ministers acclaimed the reforms announced by President de Klerk and said that if these were followed by further measures, they would indeed consider lifting sanctions. Since then the release of Mr Nelson Mandela has already prompted some black African heads of state to invite Mr de Klerk to a summit of symbolic importance next weekend. Despite the demands that all sanctions should continue (as expressed by, among others, President Bush) there is a growing perception among governments that Pretoria will soon need a few carrots, not more stick. Do those more strident critics seriously believe that no encouraging hand should be extended until after majority rule has been imposed and Mr de Klerk replaced by a black president?

Such ends can only properly be achieved by dialogue and negotiation. But this in turn requires mutual confidence, economic stability and political calm. The recent manifestations of far-right anger in South Africa indicate the threat to President de Klerk if he fails to carry his white electorate with him. He has invested heavily in policies of reform. He now needs to show some rapid return on his capital.

That his Government still has a long way to go before apartheid has been finally dismantled is not disputed. But as he moves in that direction, so the West should proceed, step-by-step, alongside. This is the policy long advocated by this country. Two weeks ago it put it into practice by dropping its restrictions on cultural, scientific and academic links. After the release of Mr Mandela it went slightly further by offering a positive strengthening of such contacts. Now the lifting of its ban on new investment is the natural — and more significant — next step.

In the first place, though adopted by the Community four years ago, its implementation was left to individual governments. Secondly, it has been imperfectly applied. The long-held suspicion that some of our more competitive partners have been less than vigilant in policing their own patch was confirmed by Mrs Thatcher's reference in the Commons yesterday to a five-year £125 million investment programme by BMW. The value of South Africa's exports to the Community has more than doubled in the last two years. International Monetary Fund statistics show that South Africa's biggest trading partner is now West Germany, followed by Japan, Britain, the United States, Italy and France.

The Community law banning the import of South African gold coins, iron and steel will remain in place for the foreseeable future. But the existing British curbs on the promotion of tourism (a Commonwealth rather than European Community measure), on Government loans to South African agencies and official funding of trade missions to the Cape, are among the concessions that could be made in future.

It has long been perceived that apartheid bore the seeds of its own destruction. The South African economy and large industries have been handicapped by its constraints upon the workforce. If the country's black majority are to come into their inheritance one day they will require it to be prosperous and strong. It is in their interests as much as every one else's that measures of this kind are taken now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'999' dispute and the mentally ill

From Dr Tom Carnwath and Mrs Margaret Lewis

Sir, There is an unfortunate consequence of the current ambulance dispute which is not widely known. It concerns patients who are mentally ill and need to be admitted to hospital against their will under the provisions of the Mental Health Act.

Normally, these patients are brought into hospital by ambulance. Ambulance drivers in many areas have declared that Mental Health Act admissions are not emergencies and so are not willing at present to transport such patients to psychiatric hospitals. This means that it is usually police now who come and collect patients from their homes, and take them to hospital in police vans.

While we are very grateful to the police for their help, it must be pointed out how distressing this procedure is for patients and their families. Neighbours get the impression that somebody in the family has been arrested. Patients who may already be deluded become more suspicious and are more likely to react aggressively. Ambulance personnel have special skills in dealing with disturbed people.

It is important, wherever possible, for mentally ill people to be transported to hospital in a non-threatening and dignified manner. This is hardly possible to achieve in the rear of a police van.

Yours sincerely,
TOM CARNWATH,
MARGARET LEWIS,
Trafford Health Authority,
Bridgewater Hospital,
Green Lane,
Patricroft, Eccles,
Manchester 30.
February 16.

Childcare tax help

From Ms Delyth Morgan

Sir, You report (February 9) speculation about the Government's plans to abolish the tax on workplace nurseries. We welcome any Government plans to end this tax but take issue with the Government's approach.

With the UK currently at the bottom of the European childcare league, and less than 2 per cent of pre-school children in nurseries, it is unrealistic to expect tinkering with the tax system alone to substantially increase the level of childcare services for working parents.

As your report suggests, changes in the tax system will encourage employers to issue childcare vouchers; but we have considerable evidence to suggest that the market is not likely to provide anywhere for parents to spend their vouchers.

If the Government has money to spend on childcare, we would call on them, as a matter of urgency, to implement a coherent national childcare strategy — one which abolishes the tax but also offers cash help to employers and local authorities struggling to create the new nursery places we need so desperately.

Yours,
DELYTH MORGAN (Director),
Working for Childcare,
77 Holloway Road, N7.
February 9.

Recalling Lord Peter

From Dean Gilbert Thurlow

Sir, Lord Peter Wimsey's centenary has already been recalled (Mrs van Hoeven's letter, February 14), and in a sphere dear to his heart.

Dorothy L. Sayers's *The Nine Tailors* revolves round the ancient English art and science of change ringing: a peal of 15,000 changes is rung, during which the "murder" takes place.

Peals of such length are rare today, and the Dorothy L. Sayers Society arranged for a peal to be rung in the method in which Lord Peter rang, but of a more normal length. An adapted version of Dorothy's peal, 5,376 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on January 13 at Terrington St Clement Church, near King's Lynn in Norfolk — as likely as any to be Dorothy's Fenchurch St Paul — by eight members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. The peal lasted about three hours.

Each of the ringers assumed one of Dorothy's names — Glenn J. Poyntz, representing Lord Peter, rang the second. Details are in the February issue of *Ringing World*.

Yours faithfully,
GILBERT THURLOW,
2 East Pallant,
Chichester,
West Sussex.
February 14.

Parole system

From his Honour Judge Finney

Sir, As one who has protested in your columns against the chaotic and unjust effects of the present remission and parole system, I welcome the proposals now made in *Crime, Justice and Protecting the Public* (report, February 7) to rectify the situation: based on the Carlisle committee's recommendations, they are practical, sensible, and will be effective.

However, there are other aspects of the White Paper which will need careful thought. In particular, the whole new emphasis on "punishment in the community" will simply not work unless probation officers are prepared to accept that they are officers of the court concerned in the process of sentence and *punishment*, as well as rehabilitation, and not "social workers" dealing with "clients".

The pillory and the stocks may have been a cruel form of "punishment in the community", but at least people could see that wrongdoers were being punished; and that, as the White Paper acknowledges, is very important to a continuing faith in the system.

Yours faithfully,
JARLATH FINNEY,
1 Essex Court,
Temple, EC4.
February 15.

From the Secretary of the Central Council of Probation Committees

Sir, Probation committees will welcome the feeling conveyed by the Green Paper (report, February 16) that the Government is serious about shaping up the probation service to face new challenges under proposed legislation. We recognise that management structures will need to be reorganised to take on this important task.

All sensible commentaries on public services recently have emphasised the importance of keeping managements close to the recipients of such services — in this case, the courts and local communities.

Within broad Government policies for criminal justice, crime is a local problem and most offenders need to be reintegrated into local communities. The work of the probation service is essentially local and could not be effectively directed from Whitehall.

Yours faithfully,
IEUAN MILES,
Secretary,
Central Council of Probation Committees,
38 Belgrave Square, SW1.
February 15.

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Political balance and the BBC

From Mr Roy D. Roebuck

Sir, In the late sixties I was a regular unwelcome visitor to the splendid office of Mr Oliver Whiteley, the BBC's then troubleshooter, or to the broom cupboard occupied by Lord Hill, the then chairman, to make identical complaints about the bias being shown against the Labour Party to those now being made by Lord Wyatt (article, February 13) on behalf of his new, down-market friends in the Conservative Party.

In particular, I used to complain about the way the BBC would pick disaffected members of the Parliamentary Labour Party to appear on its programmes rather than those who loyally supported their own Government.

Lord Wyatt should recall that when he and his then comrade-in-arms, Desmond Donnelly, were in dispute with their own party over steel nationalisation they received an amount of broadcasting time which they no doubt felt was commensurate with their own importance. Alas, what was sauce for the gander then in No 10 would not appear to be sauce for the goose now there.

So I look forward soon to hearing my old chum, Woodrow, on the wireless and to shaking my head in indignation at his latest tergiversation. Good Lord, Woodrow, come off it!

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant.
ROY ROEBUCK,
12 Brooksby Street, W1.

From Mr Des Wilson

Sir, In the nearly 25 years I have been involved in public debate about one issue or another, every party in power has complained about the bias of the BBC.

The fact is that ministers decide what information should or should not be disclosed, when it should be disclosed, and how it should be disclosed. Rather than being unfairly dealt with by broadcasters, they are far too often allowed to dictate their own terms.

They usually refuse to debate with anyone who is authoritative on their subject, preferring to be confronted by interviewers who are expected to deal with scores of subjects every week and with the best will in the world can rarely penetrate a minister's defences. On the rare occasions they do permit a discussion, they nearly always insist on the last word, usually leaving frustrated critics furious at the way they abuse that opportunity.

It is my experience that in what is admittedly a crowded and noisy arena it is ministers who usually hold the microphone firmly in their hands. *Today* is one of the few programmes that ensures others occasionally get the chance, Woodrow Wyatt should leave it alone.

Yours sincerely,
DES WILSON,
Chairman,
Citizen Action,
3 Endsleigh Street, WC1.
February 20.

Late-night TV

From Dr Alan Bullock

Sir, How appropriate that Bernard Levin's most recent article on the single issue fanatic in today's *Times* (February 15) should appear on the same page as Ronald Butt's appeal for greater censorship of late-night television programmes.

Clearly those who share the views of Mr Butt and Mrs Whitehouse are incapable of understanding that television is not intended *simply and solely* for family consumption and thus restricted to programmes suitable for children.

Adult viewers are immensely grateful that BBC2 and Channel 4 are able to show films about areas of human experience which transcend those familiar to an 11-year-old. A film such as *Rome Open City*, shown last Saturday on BBC-2, is clearly quite unsuitable for children; it is also a recognised milestone in the history of Western cinema and acclaimed by many as a masterpiece, both excellent reasons for making it available to a wider audience.

There is no sense in complaining that children are able to continue watching after 9 p.m. or to record inappropriate material for watching later. They can also read reports of murder, massacre, and rape in the pages of quality dailies such as *The Times*, but that is hardly an argument for suggesting that newspapers adopt criteria more appropriate to a parish magazine and exclude such items from their pages.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BULLOCK,
The University of Leeds,
Leeds, LS2 9JT.

Reporting of deaths

From Dr John Havard

Sir, It is unfortunate that ministers continue to claim that there is an enforceable duty on citizens at common law to report deaths to the coroner. The words used by the minister in the parliamentary reply quoted by Mr Howell (February 8) are taken from the Coroners Act of 1887 and neither that Act, nor any subsequent legislation, has imposed such a duty, although a number of Bills have attempted to do so without success.

As for the alleged duty at common law, the only authority which can be found for it is several hundred years old in the "Yearbooks" [medieval law reports]. It is significant that on a previous occasion, when Lord Chancellor Kilmuir made a claim similar to that made by the minister, he had to rely upon Bacon's Abridgement (Parl.Deb. (HL) 208, col.656).

It is, of course, true that a footnote in the report of the Brodrick committee on death certification and coroners states that there is a common law duty upon "persons about the deceased" to give immediate notice to the coroner or to the police of "circumstances requiring the holding of an inquest", but it cited no authority whatsoever in support of the claim. This was by no means the only mistake made in that unfortunate report. However it is only fair to add that the report did admit that "there is no record of anyone having ever been prosecuted for failure to comply with this obligation".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HAVARD (Secretary),
Commonwealth Medical Association,
c/o BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
February 12.

Car hire regulation

From Colonel E. T. Lummis

Sir, As reported in *The Times* today (February 14), a Bill which, *inter alia*, will grant London boroughs the same powers as district councils outside London have had since 1976 to license private car hire companies was given an unopposed third reading in the House of Lords.

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 has led to a great deal of litigation because of the way in which individual councils have attempted to implement it. Most responsible private car hire companies in London (some of whom are members of the Despatch Association) are fully in support of the need to regulate the industry. Indeed some years ago a determined attempt was made to this end but the Government refused to act.

What is now wanted are measures which will ensure that there is a properly registered scheme to control the private hire care industry in London which will not repeat the mistakes made in the 1976 Act.

Yours sincerely,
E. T. LUMMIS (Chairman),
The Despatch Association,
55 Blockley Road,
North Wembley, Middlesex.

Language at large

From Mr Bernard Denvir

Sir, Those of your correspondents (January 29; February 5,8,12) who have been complaining about the degree of obsequiousness demanded in legal documents are tending to confuse the form with the content. In almost every walk of life language is used as much as a form of magic as a way of conveying meaning. The parlance of police officers, the phraseology of bureaucrats, the evocatively archaic cadences of the liturgy are all intended to endow syntax with arcane significance, nouns, verbs and adjectives with the binding power of a spell.

In various professions and many branches of commerce, phrases such as "with reference to yours of the 7th ult." and a host of others are employed to add weight to the prosaic and gravity to the trivial. Most people terminate their letters with adverbs which have little or no relation to those virtues of truthfulness and sincerity which they claim to possess, and the use of language in a basically irrational way to create feelings of awe and respect is as justifiable as the wig of a judge or the mitre of a bishop.

Yours etc.,
BERNARD DENVIR,
85 Knatchbull Road, SE5.

Aid priorities for Poland

From the Reverend Leo Chamberlain, OSB

Sir, Anyone who has visited Krakow recently will realise, as Mr John (February 16) has done, the urgent need for action, not just to save the buildings, beautiful as some of them are, but to save the health of the people. But to bring pressure to bear upon the Polish Government to realise that we care? This is to speak with some insensitivity.

The new Polish Government is all too aware of its problems, of which Krakow, with its vast and polluting steelworks is a good example. But it has to start by putting right the economy in order to produce the wealth for new investment in modern equipment, and, simultaneously, by setting up the rule of law which will guarantee basic freedoms. It is doing all this.

The Polish people are certainly playing their part. They have suffered a 36 per cent drop in their average real incomes in January, thanks to the austerity programme of their new Government. This has come after years of increasing poverty. Their hospitals are still short of basic medical equipment and supplies. So if pressure is needed, it is upon the West to increase the scale of its aid.

Those of us who have helped in some degree to alleviate crying medical needs in recent years know all too well that until basic environmental health hazards are tackled, the Polish people will continue to suffer disease to a degree unthinkable in Western Europe; but we also know that the Polish Government has not presently the means to do it. Krakow is in peril, and we had better help.

Yours faithfully,
LEO CHAMBERLAIN,
St Dunstan's House,
Ampleforth College,
York.
February 16.

Docklands museum

From the Chief Executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation

Sir, We take a different view of the history of the London Docklands Museum project from that of your correspondent from the Docklands History Group, Mr A. C. S. Payton (February 10).

We are disappointed that our substantial support for this project over the past eight years, which includes more than £1 million and free storage facilities, has not yet led to a decision by the Museum of London to go ahead with an achievable scheme. The main difficulty has been that the promoters want a very large museum — an understandable ambition, but a very costly one. They have no other source of guaranteed funding and currently look to the London Docklands Development Corporation for the entire capital and start-up costs.

We believe that a smaller-scale museum is a positive solution and would be a great success if imaginatively designed. The LDDC is determined that the history of London's docklands will be told in Docklands, and we are ourselves commissioning design and feasibility work to help realise that ambition.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HONEY,
Chief Executive,
London Docklands Development Corporation,
3 Limeharbour, E1.
February 13.

Candid candies

From Mr Maurice Hanssen

Sir, Mr Fagan who wrote (February 7) listing the spectacular number of ingredients appearing on a box of US chocolates can count himself lucky to have this information.

British law does not require chocolate producers to declare their ingredients (although some do so voluntarily). This means that if, for example, the buyer is sensitive to the colour FD&C Yellow No 5, which we would call E102 or tartrazine, the box could be rejected in favour of another make.

Apart from chocolates, there are at least four other areas where we should know what unexpected ingredients are being put into products. These include restaurant and take-away meals (think of the vivid red of most tandoori chicken and the yellow of fish batter), bakery and delicatessen products sold loose, alcoholic drinks and medicines.

Let us hope that the basically excellent Food Safety Bill soon to go through the House can incorporate provisions to provide such information. Responsible manufacturers surely can have nothing to hide.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE HANSSEN,
63 Hampton Court Way,
Thames Ditton,
Surrey.

A golden age

From Mr Richard Wadsworth

Sir, The eighties were the days. You could go up West, buy a copy of *The Times* and three cemeteries, and still have change from half a sovereign.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WADSWORTH,
4 Foulsyke Cottages,
Scalby,
Scarborough,
North Yorkshire.
February 19.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 20: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Hampshire Regiment, attended a dinner at Regimental Headquarters, Serle's House, Southgate Street, Winchester, Hampshire.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

Memorial service

Mr H.B. Cox
The Nigerian High Commissioner attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Harry Bernard Cox held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated. Mrs Janet Cameron, daughter, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Alan Shelley, Senior Partner, Knight, Frank and Rutley, and Mr Edward Cox, son, read the lessons. Lord Grey of Naunton gave an address.

Forthcoming marriages

Comte C-H du Luart and Miss A.K. Butler
The engagement is announced between Charles-Henri, elder son of the Comte and Comtesse Charles du Luart, of Paris, and Alexandra, daughter of the Rt Hon Sir Adam Butler and Lady Butler, of Lighthorne, Warwickshire.

Mr D. Kleeman and Miss H.E. Fairbairn
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs Harry Kleeman, of Hampstead, and Heather Elizabeth, daughter of Mr David and The Hon Mrs Susan Fairbairn, of Harpenden.

Mr P.H. Booth and Miss L.S. Quayle
The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Alan Booth, of West Kirby, Wirral, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Major General and Mrs David Quayle, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr A.R. Coker and Miss E.W.M. Cannon-Brookes
The engagement is announced between Andrew Richard, son of Mrs and Mrs Patrick Coker, of Hinckley, Leicestershire, and Emma, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Cannon-Brookes, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.J. Cullen and Miss G.J. Woollard
The engagement is announced between John James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Garber Cullen, of Dallas, Texas, and Georgina Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony John Woollard, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr B.J.C. Gibbs and Miss S.K. Mill
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Gibbs, of Ealing and Selsey, and Sarah, only daughter of Dr and Mrs P.J. Mill, of Knotty Green, Beaconsfield.

Lieutenant Commander W.A. Harlock, RN and Mrs O. Wallhead
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Commander William Harlock and Mrs Oriole Wallhead.

Mr P. Keeling and Miss V Wilmot-Sitwell
The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Keeling, of Sedlescombe, Sussex, and Vanessa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, of Dummer, Hampshire.

Mr A.M. Shead and Miss L.B. Gonzo
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs A.D. Shead, of Cheveley, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Leanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Gonzo, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr N. Wiles and Miss J.A. Jeffrey
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard C. Wiles, Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Judith Adamson, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Jeffrey, Kersknowe, Kelso, Roxburghshire.

Dr C.G. Veljanovski and Miss A.M. Fazakerley
The engagement is announced between Cento, son of Mr and Mrs Gavril Veljanovski, of Sydney, Australia, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Fazakerley, of Oborne, Sherborne, Dorset.

Marriages

Mr D.G. Beeson and Miss P.B. Howard
The marriage took place in Croydon, on Wednesday, February 14, between Mr David Geoffrey Beeson, son of Mr Geoffrey Beeson and Mrs Jean Simpson, and Miss Penelope Barbara Howard, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin A. Howard.

Mr S.R. Henson and Mrs S. Leigh-Wood
The marriage took place in London, on Tuesday, February 20, between Simon Henson, younger son of Colonel Richard Henson and the late Mrs Henson, and Susan Leigh-Wood, daughter of Mr Constantin DaPonte and Mrs Ruth DaPonte.

A service of blessing was held at Chelsea Old Church and Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

Mr D. Pinnegar and Miss A-N. Tamplin
The marriage took place in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on Thursday, February 15, between Mr David Pinnegar, of Hammerwood Park, Sussex, only son of Mr and Mrs John Pinnegar, and Miss Anne-Noëlle Tamplin, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Richard Tamplin. The Very Reverend Patrick Mitchell, Dean of Windsor, officiated, assisted by the Reverend Alan Caldwell, Rector of Hammerwood.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, a Military Knight of Windsor, wore her mother's veil of antique Flemish lace and was attended by Stephane, Sylvie, and Florence Roux, Lela Baker-Rabe, Victoria Haynes and Alexander Davies. M. Eric Marchal de Salme, was best man.

A reception was held in The Chapter Library and the honeymoon is being spent in India.

Birthdays today

Mr Humphry Berkeley, writer and broadcaster, 64; Mr John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, 56; Professor Ruth Bowden, anatomist, 75; Mrs Jilly Cooper, author, 53; Sir Colville Deverell, former governor, Mauritius, 83; Professor Patrick Duff, former professor of civil law, 89; Mr Leslie Durbin, silversmith, 77; Dame Janet Fookes, MP, 54; Mr Carron Greig, former chairman, Baltic Exchange, 65; Sir Conrad Heron, civil servant, 74; Sir Reginald Hibbert, diplomat, 68.

Sir John McGregor Hill, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 69; Lord Hunter, 77; Mr Peter McEnery, actor, 50; Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, 66; Professor Sir Rupert Myers, former vice-chancellor, University of New South Wales, 69; Sir Alan Orr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 79; General Sir Robert Pascoe, 58; Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, 69; Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, 63; Professor F.W. Rimmer, former professor of music, 76; Sir Rex Surridge, former colonial administrator, 91; Mr Richard Turner-Warwick, urologist, 65; Mr David Wood, actor and playwright, 46.

Bridge

The 14th annual Stratford upon Avon bridge congress was held at the Moat House International Hotel over the weekend.

RESULTS
Championship pairs for the Waddington Rosebowl: 1, H Darwen, P Darwen (Warwickshire and Suffolk) 3,386.2; 2, Mr and Mrs D Oram (London) 3,367.7.

Championship teams for the Avon Cup: 1, R Edwards, P Hetherington, N Selwyn, D Franks (Warwickshire) 110; 2, D Thornton, Miss T Teahome (Warwickshire), Mrs M Whiteway, Mrs M Stelier (Middlesex) 105.

Mixed pairs for the Warwickshire cup: 1, P Hackett (Northwest), Mrs S Fenton (Worcestershire) 726.7; 2, Mr and Mrs V Morrissey (Warwickshire) 673.1.

Latest wills

Baroness Gaitskell, of Hampstead, widow of Mr Hugh Gaitskell, former leader of the Labour Party, left estate valued at £26,205 net.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as a member of the Gordonstoun Association, will attend a reception at the Caledonian Club at 6.30 to launch the Gordonstoun Summer School.

The Princess of Wales, as President of the Royal Marsden Hospital, will attend the launch of the Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal at the hospital, Fulham Road, SW3, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the British Menswear Guild, will visit the International Mens and Boyswear Exhibition at Olympia at 12.45. Later he will launch the new BBC Monitoring Service to mark its fiftieth anniversary at the BBC World Service, Caversham Park, Reading, at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra will open the Antony Brett Building, the new catering complex, at St Bartholomew's Hospital at 3.00.

Service dinners

The Royal Hampshire Regiment
The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Hampshire Regiment, attended a dinner given by the Colonel, Brigadier R.G. Long, and Officers of the Regiment last night at their headquarters, Serle's House, Winchester. Lord Mottistone, Lord Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight, and Sir Peter Crill, Bailiff of Jersey, were among the guests.

Oxford University Air Squadron
Sir Richard Southwood, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, and Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Air Member for Personnel, were the guests of honour at the Oxford University Air Squadron annual dinner held last night at their headquarters, Manor Road, Oxford. Squadron Leader P.J. Lander, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, the Air Officer Commanding and Commandant, RAF College Cranwell, the Commandant RMCS Shrivenham, the Master of Balliol College, the President of Magdalen College, the Dean of Christ Church, the Warden of Keble College, the Principal of Somerville College and the Master of St Catherine's College.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Karl Czerny, pianist and composer, Vienna, 1791; John Henry Newman, cardinal, London, 1801; Léo Delibes, composer, St Germain du Val, 1836; August von Wasserman, bacteriologist, Bamberg, Germany, 1866; Constantin Brancusi, sculptor, Hobita, Romania, 1876; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, near Lowestoft, Suffolk, 1859; Bernard William Griffin, cardinal, Archbishop of Westminster 1943-56, Birmingham, 1899; W. H. Auden poet, York, 1907.

DEATHS: Robert Southwell, Jesuit and poet, executed, London, 1595; Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, The Hague, 1677; Jethro Tull, agricultural writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1741; John Charles Rossi, sculptor, London, 1839; Sir Frederick Banting, killed in an air crash, Newfoundland, 1941; Malcolm Little (Malcolm X), American Muslim leader, murdered, New York, 1965; Mikhail Sholokhov, novelist, Vishenskaya, Russia, 1984.

Sherborne School for Girls

The following Scholarship Awards have been made for September 1990.

Academic Awards
Sixth Form Scholarships: First Scholarship: Sarah Lowndes (Sherborne School for Girls); Second Scholarship: Sophie Clark (Sherborne School for Girls).

Junior Awards
First Scholarship: Lucinda Edes (Sunninghill Preparatory School, Dorchester); Second Scholarship: Sophie Annesley (Godstowe School, Buckinghamshire); Lucinda Hensman (Sherborne School for Girls).

Exhibitions: Emily Palmer (Redlands High School, Bristol); Rachel Sawle (Walhampton School, Lymington).

Music Awards
First Scholarship: Catherine Strange (James Allen's School for Girls, London); Second Scholarship: Helen Boniface (Porthcawl Comprehensive School).
Exhibitions: Philippa Gascoigne-Pees (Sherborne School for Girls).

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL POWELL

Flamboyant film maker of idiosyncratic brilliance

Michael Powell, one of Britain's most talented and original film makers, died on February 19, at the age of 84.

For much of his career he tended to be dismissed as a brilliant, if perverse, technician but a revaluation of his work over the last 15 years has elevated him to the ranks of the major film artists. Though they include a number of extravagant failures, his films bear an individual stamp that is rare in the British cinema.

Since he made his last film back in the 1960s, Powell's reputation has steadily grown. He became an inspiration for the American "movie brat" directors, particularly Francis Ford Coppola and Martin Scorsese, and retrospectives of his work on both sides of the Atlantic have attracted wide critical interest.

Powell was a natural maverick. Instead of adapting successful books and plays, he preferred to find his own subjects. Against the carefully crafted film making of his contemporaries, Reed, Lean and Asquith, Powell's work was often experimental and flamboyant. For realism he substituted expressionism and fantasy and in a Britain constructing its welfare state he preached the Tory values of tradition and individual decision.

His reputation for technical flair was well founded. He used Technicolor to great effect, notably in his ballet film, *The Red Shoes*. He alternated colour and black and white within the same film, *A Matter of Life and Death*, and made another picture, *One of Our Aircraft is Missing*, without background music. Brilliant individual touches include a shot from within David Niven's eyeballs in *A Matter of Life and Death* and the alcoholic hero of *The Small Back Room* struggling with a giant whisky bottle.

Inevitably, perhaps, his films attracted controversy. He was criticized for lapses of taste, as in the war-time picture, *A Canterbury Tale*, where a JP pours glue over girls' heads in the blackout, and a much later film, *Peeping Tom*, which was widely condemned on its initial release for exploiting sado-masochism. He fell foul of the politicians as well. The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, tried to suppress *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp* for what he regarded as a too defeatist a view of the British soldier and Laurence Olivier was refused leave from the forces to play the leading role.

Powell made most of his important films in collaboration with an emigré Hungarian, Emeric Pressburger. In 1942 they formed their own production company, The Archers, and the sight of the arrow thudding into its target became as familiar as J. Arthur Rank's gong. Though they took joint credits, Powell was essentially the director and Pressburger the writer. Powell also worked regularly with the designers, Alfred Junge and Hein Heckroth, cameramen Jack Cardiff and Christopher Challis, composer Brian Easdale and actors like Roger Livesay, Anton Walbrook and Marius Goring.

Powell was born at Bekesbourne, near Canterbury, on September 30, 1905 and educated at the King's School in that city and at Dulwich College. At the age of 17 he left school to join the National Provincial Bank but he had decided that his career lay in the cinema and in 1925 he went to Nice to work for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and the Irish-born director, Rex Ingram. Three years later he moved to Elstree studios and worked on three Hitchcock films, helping with the script of the first British talkie, *Blackmail*.

He made his debut as a director in 1931 and for some years cut his teeth on low-budget "quota quickies." In 1937 he went to Foula in the Shetlands to realize a long cherished project, *The Edge of the World*; it was his first personal film and it attracted the attention of Alexander Korda, who offered Powell a contract. Soon afterwards he met Pressburger and they began their partnership on a Conrad Veidt vehicle, *The Spy in Black*.

Powell was co-director on the popular costume drama, *The Thief of Bagdad*, and then made *49th Parallel* from an original Pressburger subject about a group of Nazis on the run in wartime Canada, and *One of Our Aircraft is Missing*, which followed the fortunes of British airmen forced to bale out over occupied Holland. The Powell-Pressburger partnership was cemented by the formation of The Archers, which ushered in Powell's most creative period.

The first Archers productions was *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp*, a long, episodic and perceptive look at English (and German) national character suggested by the David Low cartoon character. Deborah Kerr, who played three parts, established Powell's fondness for red-haired leading ladies. *A Canterbury Tale*, glueman notwithstanding, was a celebration of English landscape and traditional values, while *I Know Where I'm Going*, filmed mainly on location in the Western Isles, drew on Gaelic legend in telling how a young woman (Wendy Hiller) forsakes a rich industrialist for the love of an impecunious laird.

A Matter of Life and Death, one of the most ambitious Powell-Pressburger films, is set both in heaven and on earth, with a giant escalator connecting the two, and is based on the hallucinations of a wounded RAF pilot. Rising to the technical challenge of recreating the southern Himalayas in the studio for a melodrama about nuns, *Black Narcissus* — Jack Cardiff's colour photography won him an Oscar — Powell went on to make probably his biggest commercial success, *The Red Shoes*. Visually stunning, it contained a complete ballet, engaged such talents as Sir Thomas Beecham, Robert Helpmann and Léonide Massine, and starred another Powell red-head, Moira Shearer.

Typically, perhaps, Powell followed it with a complete contrast, a taut, black and white thriller, *The Small Back Room*, from Nigel Balchin's novel. Two American co-productions, *Gone to Earth* and *The Elusive Pimpernel*, proved to be unhappy experiences for Powell but *Gone to Earth* gained new admirers when shown in its original print and an uncut version.

In 1951 Powell reunited many of the team from *The Red Shoes* for another colourful spectacular, *The Tales of Hoffman*. The attempt to transpose Johann Strauss's opera, *Die Fledermaus*, to the Vienna of the 1950s as *Oh Rosalinda!* was less successful and the two war films that followed, *The Battle of the River Plate* and *Ill Met by Moonlight*, were, by Powell's standards, conventional.

At this point, the Powell-Pressburger partnership was amicably dissolved (though the two came together again in 1972 to make *The Boy Who Turned Yellow* for the Children's Film Foundation). Henceforth, Powell found films increasingly difficult to set up — for years he tried unsuccessfully to mount a cinema version of *The Tempest* — and he worked mainly abroad, particularlyAustralia where, in the 1960s, he made his last two two features, *They're a Weird Mob* and *Age of Consent*.

Of his later films, *Peeping Tom* (1960) stands out. The story of a mentally disturbed photographer who murders women and meticulously films their death throes caused outrage at the time, though subsequent reassessments have put it among Powell's richest works. The young man's sadistic father was played by Powell himself.

Despite his sporadic output in later years, Powell's enthusiasm for the cinema remained undimmed. At the age of 75 he became artistic adviser to Francis Ford Coppola's studio in Hollywood, though to general regret he was unable to get back behind the cameras. In 1983 he went to Moscow to supervise the production of an Anglo-Soviet film on the life of the dancer, Anna Pavlova.

During his final years, while enjoying the adulation of young filmmakers and critics, Powell's major project was his autobiography, *A Life in Movies*. The first volume, a sprawling 700-page tome covering only half his life, appeared in 1986. He had just completed work on a second volume.

Listing his recreation in *Who's Who* as "leaning on gates," Powell was married, in 1943, to Frances Reidy and had two sons. His wife died in 1983 and in the following year he married Thelma Schoonmaker, an American film editor who won an Oscar for her work on *Raging Bull*.

ARTHUR SHENFIELD

A free market economist

Arthur Shenfield, economist and barrister, who died on February 13, at the age of 80, was known for his uncompromising belief in free trade, free enterprise and the rule of law. He was a man of prodigious energy and ability whose talents were better recognized in the United States than in this country.

Born on October 7, 1909, and brought up in Cardiff, Arthur Asher Shenfield acquired First Class Honours degrees in Economics at the Universities of Wales, London and Birmingham and First Class Honours in Law and a Holker Exhibition at Gray's Inn. He was called to the Bar in June 1945.

Throughout his life he performed with equal success in both economics and the law.

To begin with, Shenfield was writer, editor and university lecturer in economics and commerce, and first entered a wider field of public service in 1945 as Deputy Controller, Economic Section, of the Control Commission for Germany. This post provided insufficient scope for him, as did a 10-year period of practice at the Bar.

He kept his options open by acting for two years as Economic Adviser to the Government of Trinidad.

In 1955 he gave up practice at the Bar and became Economic Director of the Federation of British Industries, which later became the Confederation of British Industry, a position he occupied for 11 years. He was instructed to represent British Industry before the New Zealand Tariff Board and also served as Chairman of the British Government Commission of Enquiry into the Cotton Industry of Uganda.

In 1963 he began what was to be a most distinguished career, and which was to last for over 20 years, as a Visiting Professor at various American universities and colleges in faculties of both law and economics. These included the Universities of Chicago; Temple, Philadelphia; Davis, California; Dallas; Clemson, South Carolina; and Colorado; and Rockford and Hillsdale Colleges.

At the same time articles in newspapers, periodicals and symposia were pouring from his pen and he published at least half a dozen pamphlets.

Having stood as a Liberal candidate in the General Election of 1945, he became disillusioned with that party and also with the Conservative and Labour parties for their adoption, in lesser or greater degree, as he saw it, of state planning and of uncontrolled social welfare.

He was one of the first to recognize the significance of much of Hayek's philosophy and attracted some criticism for his support of Hayek's views on excessive intervention by the State and on the need to respect the rule of law.

Shenfield is survived by his wife, Dame Barbara Shenfield, who was until recently Chairman of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, and also by a son of the marriage and a daughter by a previous marriage.

BRENDAN CORISH

Irish Labour leader who showed his worth in coalition times

Brendan Corish, who died on February 17 at the age of 71, had been the leader of the Irish Labour Party from 1960 until 1977 and was Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) in the coalition government led by Mr Liam Cosgrave between 1973 and 1977.

Corish was the son of a Labour politician and he began life as a local government clerk in Wexford. He was elected to the Dáil in 1945 at the age of 27 and held office as Minister for Social Welfare in a coalition government between 1954 and 1957.

The Irish Labour Party, which he led from 1960, had always had a much smaller following than the Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael parties. Under Corish in the 1960s, they espoused a more socialist policy and recruited intellectuals such as Conor Cruise O'Brien.

In the 1969 General Election, proclaiming that the decade of the 1970s would be socialist, they announced that they would go it alone and not join in any coalition government with right wing parties. They polled less than 20 per cent of the vote. A one-party Labour government was not a realistic proposition in a foreseeable future.

Before the 1973 General Election, Corish, who was not a doctrinaire himself, led the Labour Party into coalition with the Fine Gael and they ousted Fianna Fáil, who had been in office for 16 years. The coalition government did useful work in social and legislative reform.

But the recession caused by the first oil crisis made economic policy difficult. Fine Gael followers resented high taxation while Labour was disappointed by the failure to deliver; Corish found himself frustrated in the portfolios of Health and Social Welfare.

The intellectuals within the party created problems for Corish in Cabinet and did nothing for the general popularity of the party.

In the 1977 General Election the party incurred large losses and Fianna Fáil was returned to office with a record majority. Corish drew the inevitable conclusion and resigned the leadership.

But by his participation in the coalition government of the 1970s he provided stability in government in Ireland when it was sorely needed.

Vatican names new bishop after months of speculation

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

Pope John Paul II announced the name of a new Roman Catholic Bishop of Northampton yesterday, bringing to an end speculation that the appointment, which took much longer than usual, had become a tug-of-war between Vatican conservatives and Roman Catholic leaders in Britain.

The diocese had been vacant since the death of the Right Rev Francis Thomas more than a year ago. If there was any truth in the speculation, the Vatican conservatives appear to have lost. But highly placed church sources yesterday discounted such suggestions, saying it was more likely the delay had been caused by an administrative backlog in Rome, and possibly the need for further routine inquiries into the candidates' backgrounds.

The new bishop is to be the Right Rev Leo McCartie, the present auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham. He made a point of saying yesterday that he was a great friend of the late Bishop Thomas, "whose work I admired so much," and he hoped to continue in the same fashion. Bishop Thomas was one of the leading theologians among the Catholic bishops in England, and a strong supporter of the Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenical process.

Rumours of a difficulty over the appointment — on which no senior churchman in Britain was prepared to comment in public — had been circulating both in the diocese and elsewhere. In an outspoken editorial two weeks ago, the weekly newspaper the *Catholic Herald* said there was concern that the Vatican seemed to be intending to impose a right-wing bishop, having rejected the names submitted to it as too progressive.

Bishop McCartie, who is aged 64, has a reputation as a moderate or even left-of-centre churchman. He is chairman of the Committee for Community Relations of the Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

He is a former diocesan inspector of schools and administrator of St Chad's Roman Catholic cathedral in Birmingham, being ordained bishop in 1977. In the Roman Catholic system, unlike the Church of England, all assistant bishops immediately become full members of the episcopal body, the Bishops' Conference. Bishop McCartie therefore already has considerable experience and seniority, which would not have made it easy for the Vatican to refuse his nomination.

The rumours have been fuelled by various well known cases abroad, where the Congregation of Bishops has several times imposed a conservative candidate against the wishes of the local clergy.

In England and Wales vacancies are filled after extensive local and national consultations among bishops, laity and clergy, by the Apostolic Pronuncio, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito. At the outset the cathedral chapter has the right to suggest three names. The pronuncio also asks formally for nominations from all the bishops in the relevant ecclesiastical province, in this case Westminster, and informally from all the bishops of the other four provinces.

From all the advice received he selects his own choice of three names, and sends them to the Congregation (department) of Bishops in Rome, commenting on each of them and stating his preference. Some of those consulted are asked to make a formal statement in secret, giving evidence of the moral character of the candidate in question.

The pronuncio also collects evidence of the candidates' leadership ability and doctrinal orthodoxy.

The congregation in Rome meets in secret and votes. It may reject all three names and ask for three more, which is what the recent speculation has suggested happened in the case of Northampton, or it may ask for further particulars of one or more of them, which seems the more likely, and then reconsider the names later. It does not have the power to impose a candidate who has not been put forward by the nuncio.

Dinners

The Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House last night in honour of the President of the Portuguese National Assembly and Senhora Crespo. The Portuguese Ambassador was also present. Other guests were:

Mr Paul Channon, MP, and Mrs Channon, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, Mr Alan Amos, MP, Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Mr Anthony Coombs, MP, and Mrs Coombs, Mr Donald Dewar, MP, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, and Lady Finsberg, Mrs Maureen Hicks, MP, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Mr James Kilfedder, MP, Mr Jim Lester, MP, and Mrs Lester, Mr Calum Macdonald, MP, Mr James Pawsey, MP, and Mrs Pawsey, Mr Tom Pendry, MP, Mr William Powell, MP, and Mrs Powell, Mr David Shaw, MP, and Mrs Shaw, Dr and Senhora Manuel Moreira da Andrade, Dra Margarida da Serra e Moura, Mrs Elizabeth Gibb-Low, Dr Malcolm Jack, the Rev Charles Richardson and Mr and Mrs Peter Kitcatt.

Engineering Employers' Federation
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker at the biennial dinner of the Engineering Employers' Federation held last night at the Hotel Inter-Continental. Mr Richard Perry, president, Mr David Lees, senior deputy president, and Mr Peter Brighton, director-general, received the guests.

European-Atlantic Group
The Hungarian Ambassador was the guest of honour at a European-Atlantic Group dinner held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel after a meeting at the House of Commons, sponsored by Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP. Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, presided and the Hungarian Ambassador also spoke. The Earl of Bessborough, president, presided at the dinner. Among those present were:

Ambassadors and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Countess of Bessborough, Lord and Lady Erroll of Hale, Jacqueline Lady Killearn, Lady Olga Maitland, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Sir Reay and Lady Geddes, Sir Eldon Griffiths, MP, Sir John Osborn, Sir Peregrine and Lady Rhodes, Sir Frank and Lady Roberts, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Baron and Baroness Robert Rothschild, Sheikh and Sheikha Nezam Khazal Amery, Baron Rolf Beck, Michele Countess Griaznoff, Princess Helena Moutafian and Mrs Elma Dangerfield.

House for Overseas Graduates
Mr A.L. Robinson, Trust Governor of London House for Overseas Graduates, and Mr David Emms, director, received the guests at the annual Accountancy, Banking and Business dinner held last night at Mecklenburgh Square for residents of London House and William Goodenough House. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Benson, Lord and Lady Morris, Sir Nigel and Lady Althaus, Sir Richard and Lady Francis, Sir John and Lady Quinton, Sir Robert Reid, Sir John and Lady Wilton, Mr W R Benyon, MP, and Mrs Benyon, Professor A Chambers, Mr and Mrs P E Couse, Professor A G Hopwood, Mr and Mrs B G Jenkins, Mr and Mrs J Kemp-Welch, Mrs A L Robinson and Mr and Mrs D B Shaw.

Chartered Institute of Building
The Lord Mayor, Sir Hugh Bidwell, GBE, DLitt, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Building, held last night at Guildhall. Mr Christopher Patten, MP, proposed the toast to the institute and Ian Dixon, Hon AIC, president of the Institute, responded.

The toast to the guests was proposed by Alan Massey, BScTech, Senior Vice-President, Roy Watts, CBE, DBA, MA, Chairman, Thames Water plc, replied. Representatives of Her Majesty's Government, the Services, the City and the presidents and chief executives of many professional institutions and other trade associations within the building industry were guests.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Keith Taylor Simpson to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Mr William Solesbury to be secretary to the Economic and Social Research Council from April 2.

Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, to be Chairman of the European Movement.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

I will go to the people in power, and talk with them. Surely they know what their God requires, what the Lord wants them to do. But all of them have rejected the Lord's authority and refuse to obey him.
Jeremiah 5 : 5

BIRTHS

AGAR - On February 19th 1990, to Geraldine (née D'Oyly Inglis) and Nicholas, a daughter, a sister for Thomas.

BLACK - On February 15th 1990, to Amanda (née Hewitt) and Dominic, a son, Thomas Peter Hugh.

BLACKWELL - On February 18th, to Deborah and Charlie, a son, Jack.

BOYLING - On February 13th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Elizabeth Joy (née de Burgh Sidley) and Jeffrey David, a son, Alexander James David, a brother for Emma.

BROMBERG - On February 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Cathy (née Hahneman) and Marc, a son, Matthew Samuel, a brother for David, Elisabeth and Benjamin.

BROWN - On February 17th, at St Albans, to Christine and Peter, a daughter, Ailsa Hamilton, sister to Matthew.

ENGLISH - On February 15th 1990, to Dorothy and John, a daughter, Amy Lise Alice.

HORWELL - On February 11th, to Lucy (née Putnam) and Richard, a son.

HUNTER JOHNSTON - On February 11th, to Elizabeth (née Robinson) and Andrew, a daughter, Alice Felicity Rose, a sister for Katharine and Lucy.

JOHNSON - On February 14th, to Judith (née Aillitt) and Paul, a son, Philip Thomas, a brother for Nicholas.

LECKIE - On February 7th, to Caroline (née Thwaite) and Bruce, a son, Toby Oliver.

LE QUESNE - On February 19th, to Kate and David, a daughter.

LEVY - On February 19th 1990, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Elaine and Michael, a daughter, Abigail Alice, a sister for Hannah.

NIGHTINGALE - On February 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jackie (née Hughes) and Tony, a son, Daniel Richard.

PARDOE - On February 18th, to Amanda (née Walley) and Sebastian, a son, Charles Edward Adam.

RABAS - On February 4th, to Sue (née Macaulay) and Hubert, twins, Sophie and Nicolas, a sister and a brother for Sebastien. With special thanks to the staff at U.C.H. Maternity and Neo Natal Units.

ROXBURGH - On February 19th, to Jane (née Kimmitt) and Ian, a son, James Michael.

RUIZ - On February 11th, to Cheryl (née Davies) and Federico, at the A.B.C. Hospital in Mexico City, a second son, Henry.

SIMPSON - On February 19th 1990, to Lynn (née Garbutt) and Russell, a daughter, Dannielle Elizabeth.

SPENCER-SMITH - On February 17th, at University College Hospital, to Souzy and Richard, a son.

WARD - On February 17th 1990, to Rachel (née Astor) and Nick, a daughter, Zoe Rachel, a sister for Anna.

WARD - On February 15th, to Sue and John, a son, Alistair, a half brother to Joanna, Marcus, Charlotte, Caroline and Jamie.

WATSON - On February 17th, to Elaine (née Cox) and Mark, a daughter, Georgia Roberta.

DEATHS

BAILEY - On February 15th, peacefully, Helen Mary (née Connard), at Murray Royal Hospital, Perth, aged 84 years.

BLAIR - On February 16th 1990, suddenly, Douglas MacColl, adored husband of Diana and greatly loved father of Sophie and Edward. Funeral strictly private. No flowers by request but, if desired, donations may be sent to "Douglas Blair Memorial Account", Royal Bank of Scotland, Kingsway, London WC2, to be given to a charity connected with Glenalmond. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held in the Temple Church, London EC4, at 5 pm on Friday March 23rd 1990.

BRISCOE - On February 19th 1990, in her 99th year, Aunt Mabel, sister of Daly, very dearly loved by all her family.

BROWN - On February 19th, at Ty Coch, Llanishen, Cardiff, Canon Dennis Brown (formerly Vicar, St Martin's, Roath) to be received into St Martin's Church, Albany Road, Roath, Cardiff, on Sunday February 25th at 4.30 pm. Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass (Concelebrated: Priests to bring Purple Vestments) on Tuesday February 27th at 11 am, followed by interment at Cathays Cemetery. No flowers by his request. Donations in lieu may be sent to the Father Brown Memorial Fund, c/o Father Harold Clarke, St Martin's Vicarage, Strathnairn Street, Cardiff, CF2 3JL.

BUNCE - On February 13th, Rupert, age 23, the tragic loss of a loving and loved son, brother, nephew, uncle, grandson, godson and very dear friend. Funeral at St James Parish Church, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, on Monday February 26th 1990 at 2 pm. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 28 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey (01-948 1551) or, if preferred, donations to the Rupert Bunce Memorial Fund. "His light shines on".

CHASTON - On February 20th, peacefully at home in Clacton-on-Sea, Claude Henry. Beloved husband of Vera, dear father of Susan and John and of the late Merle. Grandfather of Claire and Richard. Funeral Service on Wednesday February 28th at St Paul's Church, Clacton, at 2.45 pm followed by interment at Clacton Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Tilford Funeral Service, 151 Old Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

CHURCHILL - On February 19th, peacefully at home, Major General Thomas Bell Lindsay Churchill CB, CBE, MC. Beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Mass at St Boniface R.C. Church, Crediton, Devon, on Tuesday February 27th at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations to Crediton Hospital, c/o A White & Sons Funeral Directors, Peoples Park Road, Crediton.

DRENTH - On February 13th 1990, at Lihin, Belgium, Jan Roelof Drenth, aged 68 years. Beloved father and grandfather. The cremation took place at Liege, Belgium, yesterday. Any correspondence may be sent to Mr Jan Theodoor Drenth, Burg. de Bruinelaan 34, 3331 Ae Zwijndrecht, The Netherlands.

FFRENCH-CONSTANT - On February 19th 1990, Louis Paul Humphrey. Dearly beloved husband of Diny, much loved father of Sally, Edward, Tanya and Juliet. Grandfather of Kieran, Katherine, Anne and Melissa and brother of Martin. Small funeral service at St Feock Church, Feock, Truro, on Saturday February 24th at 2 pm. Flowers to Howard Burrows, Penelewey, Feock, Truro, tel: (0872) 863917.

HUTCHINSON - On February 18th 1990, Doris, beloved wife of Ken. Funeral Service at Sackville Road Methodist Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, on Friday March 2nd at 1.45 pm. "In heavenly love abiding".

KELLY - On February 17th 1990, suddenly and peacefully at St Christopher's Hospice, Richard Denis, of 3 Temple Gardens, The Temple, in his 75th year. Private cremation. A Requiem Mass will be held at Prinknash Abbey, Cranham, Gloucestershire, on Monday February 26th at 3 pm, followed by interment of ashes. Flowers to the Abbey by 1 pm on February 26th, or instead donations to St Christopher's Hospice if desired. A Memorial Mass will be offered at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, on Wednesday March 7th at 1 pm. Rest in peace.

LEMON - On February 18th 1990, peacefully at home, Rosaleen Marie, dearly beloved wife of Charles, and greatly loved by her children and grandchildren. Requiem Mass at The Sacred Heart, Knatchbull Street, Camberwell, SE5, 10.15 am Monday February 26th. Burial at Town Cross Cemetery, Bognor Regis, 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to CAFOD.

LONGE - On February 19th, after a long struggle courageously borne, Desmond, much loved husband of Isla, father of Simon and Alex, father-in-law of June and grandfather of Charlie and Freddie. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Thursday March 1st at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to All Hallows Hospital, Ditchingham, c/o G.W. Fouiger & Son Funeral Directors, Shotesham, Norwich, Norfolk, tel: (0508) 50242.

MARLBOROUGH - On February 19th 1990, peacefully in her sleep, Laura, Duchess of Marlborough. Funeral at All Saints Church, Coleshill, near Amersham, on Thursday March 1st 1990 at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London SW1, by 10.30 am March 1st. No Memorial Service will be held.

MAVOR - On February 18th 1990, peacefully at Glendale Residential Home, Felsted, Evelyn Frances Mary, widow of Dr. Hilary Mavor. Funeral Service at Church of the Holy Cross, Felsted, on Friday February 23rd at midday, followed by cremation at Chelmsford.

MORRIS-EYTON - On Monday February 19th 1990, suddenly, Gilly, aged 68. Much loved husband of Jean and father of Tony and Kate. Funeral Service for family and friends at St Luke's, Sambrook, on Monday February 26th 1990 at 2.30 pm. Memorial Service to be announced later. All enquiries to Graham Talbot Funeral Directors, 10 Broadway, Newport, Shropshire, tel: (0952) 811140.

MURRAY BROWN - On February 18th, Crena, daughter of the late David and Grace Murray Brown of Windsor. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Horton, nr Datchet, on Friday February 23rd at 3 o'clock. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to The Thames Valley Hospice, Hatch Lane, Windsor.

NEWLAND - On February 17th, Derek, aged 68. Gently and unexpectedly in his sleep, husband and friend of Hilda, loving father to Penelope, Adrian and his wife Joanna, fond grandpa to Emily and Thomas Newland and Jamie Manfield. Funeral February 24th at 2 pm, St Clement Danes Church of the R.A.F. Family flowers only, donations appreciated to The London Hospital, Leukaemia Appeal Fund, c/o Dr. Newland.

PALMER - On February 17th 1990, very suddenly at his home at Fleet, Brigadier Peter Ian Palmer O.B.E., A.D.C., late R.C.T. Husband and best friend of Valerie and father of Ian and Susan. Funeral Service at St Michael and St George's Church, Aldershot Garrison, on Friday February 23rd at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired for The Army Benevolent Fund or The British Heart Foundation may be sent to Camp Hopson Funeral Directors, Newbury, Berkshire.

PENNEY - On February 19th, Arthur George Wallis, peacefully at home in Southwick, Brighton. Private cremation. Memorial Service to be held at St Michael's and All Angels, Church Lane, Southwick, Brighton, on Monday February 26th at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Kings Manor School Trust Fund, c/o The Headmaster, Kings Manor Upper School, Kingston Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex. Enquiries to A & F Pilbeam Ltd., 81 Underdown Road, Southwick, Brighton, tel: (0273) 593494.

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RAINBOW - On February 18th, peacefully at Hoylake, after a long illness bravely borne, Barbara, much loved wife of the late Albert Edward (Bert) and a very dear friend of Jean and Cecil. Funeral Service at Landican Crematorium, Woodchurch, Wirral, on Friday February 23rd at 1.30 pm.

ROBERTS - On February 19th 1990, James Alan, formerly Deputy Secretary General of NATO and Ambassador for Canada in Switzerland. Husband of Julia, father of Wendela and Bianca, stepfather of Alfie. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, on February 27th at 12 noon. Donations for the Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o Diamond and Son Funeral Directors, 9/11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, SO41 9DN.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF on Friday the 2nd day of March 1990 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 9th day of February 1990
A.G. Jones Director

IN THE MATTER OF SYSTEMS SELECTOR LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company which is being voluntarily wound up are required on or before the 21st day of March 1990 to send in their full fore names and surname their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Keith David Goodman, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 7th day of February 1990
K.D. Goodman, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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In the matter of Screentel Associates Limited
High Court No 008343 of 1989
Notice is hereby given that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 10th January 1990.
Dated this 14th day of February 1990
Melvyn L. Rose FCA FCCA
Liquidator

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In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 7th February 1990.
Dated this 7th day of February 1990
Keith David Goodman FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

WHOLESALE ELECTRICAL MART LIMITED
Registered number: 1535254. Nature of business: Electrical Wholesalers. Trade classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 9 February 1990. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Royal Bank of Scotland plc.
NH Cooper & I Jacob
Joint Administrative Receivers
of 186 City Road
London EC1V 2NU

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A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 14th day of February 1990
J.E. Macey Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF FANE MANUFACTURING LIMITED
Registered Office: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey
Principal Trading Address: Fane Drive, Berinsfield, Oxfordshire
Company No 2296893
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Creditors are only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt, together with a proxy if required, has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, not later than noon on 12 March 1990.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey.
Dated this day 14th of February 1990
By Order of the Board
S Hendry Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF FANE PRODUCTION LIMITED
Registered Office: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey
Principal Trading Address: Fane Drive, Berinsfield, Oxfordshire.
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Creditors are only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt together with a proxy if required has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, not later than noon on 12 March 1990.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey.
Dated this day 14th of February 1990
By Order of the Board
S Hendry Director

MEMBERS' LIQUIDATION
HILLCOURT (FARMERS) LIMITED
HILLCOLLINS (FARMERS) LIMITED
(both members liquidation)
Company number 1244694 1447535
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF HILLCOURT FARMERS LIMITED AND HILLCOLLINS FARMERS LIMITED
On 29 January 1990 the companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed by the shareholder.
The liquidator give notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator at the above address by 8 March 1990 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
Date 29 January 1990
RVY Setchim Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF SLEE CLEAN ROOM SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on 14 March 1990 at 10.30 a.m. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on 12 March 1990 and 13 March 1990.
Dated 15th February 1990
By Order of the Board
SJ Ellis Secretary
Notes
Creditors wishing to vote at this meeting must complete and lodge the enclosed form of proxy, unless they are individuals attending the meeting in person or are companies authorising a representative under the provisions of Section 375 of the Companies Act 1985. Proxies must be returned to the company by 12.00 noon on 13 March 1990. Creditors are reminded that original and not faxed proxies are required.
All creditors who wish to vote at the meeting whether in person, by proxy or in some other way must give details of their claim against the company in writing. Statements of claim may be sent to the address for returning proxies or brought to the meeting. Whilst there is no legal obligation on creditors to do so, it would be appreciated if claims and proxies could be returned in good time before the meeting.
Registered Office: Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX.
Registered Number 1976948 England

FEB 21 — **ON THIS DAY** — 1952

There was a great satisfaction in Britain when Jeannette Altwegg won a gold medal in the Winter Games at Oslo after having taken a bronze medal at St Moritz in 1948. The daughter of an Anglo-Scottish mother and a father who was British by naturalization and Swiss by birth, she began skating in Liverpool when a child.

Olympic Gold Medal for Miss Altwegg

Oslo: The really great attraction of the day was the ladies' free skating held at the brilliantly lit Bislet Stadium. It was a remarkable sight. Inside the speed track, in the middle of the vast sheet of ice the colour of burnished steel, an inner arena had been marked out with a 1 ft. high bank of snow. The stadium was full to capacity, all eagerly awaiting the attack to be launched by the United States and France against Miss J. Altwegg, whose lead in the compulsory figures on several of the judges' cards was slight.

Miss Altwegg was a very worthy winner. The question on every one's tongue was: Would the Union Jack go up and Britain win her solitary gold medal? After the first group of eight, the lowest in the list of compulsory figures had skated, the highest group began and the first drawn was Miss Altwegg, who was on the top of her form and gave a majestic performance of pure amateur skating.

She was followed by Miss du Bief, who skated as only she can, faultlessly, and was third. It is a new and distinctive conception of skating and, of course, the public adore it. Some critics say it is not amateur skating, but with this view the judges evidently did not agree, for they gave the show the highest marks of the evening.

Miss S. Klopfer (U.S.), much improved on last year, gave a delightful performance at great speed but marred by two falls. Miss B. Wyatt and Miss V. Osborn (G.B.) both skated well and were undermarked. Then came Miss T. Albright (U.S.), who gave us a display of skating gymnastics which is not yet a programme as so beautifully demonstrated by her compatriot. She fell on her second double Axel and put her foot down on another jump. It is not yet a mature performance, but it will be and it is very good. Miss S. Morrow (Canada) as always delighted us with a beautifully feminine show, and it was a pity she fell on her flying sit spin.

But the finest skating performance of the whole evening was that of Miss V. Baxter (U.S.), who was fifth. Two years ago at Wembley as a young girl she thrilled the crowd, but now as a young woman, so strong in her tremendous jumps, so sure and yet so light, with grace and without a single sign of a fault, the show had every conceivable ingredient and yet one of the judges marked it as low at 4.8, a mark given to skaters who could not even attempt a quarter of Miss Baxter's programme.

The long distance ski race of 50 kilometres held this afternoon was won by V. Hakulinen of Finland who covered the distance in 3hr. 33min. 33sec., E. Kolehmainen, also a Finn, was second five minutes behind him and closely followed by M. Estenstad, of Norway, 17 seconds slower.

The race which attracted some of the world's finest skiers, was run on thawing snow, starting and finishing at the foot of the Holmenkollen hill.

As was expected, the ladies' slalom held at Rodkleiva was won by the remarkable United States skier Andrea Lawrence. On her first run she hit a flag and fell, but even then she accomplished 67.2sec. Then on her second run she really demonstrated the slalom with the brilliant time of 63.4sec. This victory gives Mrs Lawrence her second gold medal of this meeting and stamps her as the greatest lady skier of the day. Two British ladies competed and skiing in fine style Miss Laing finished twenty-fourth and Miss Sheena Mackintosh twenty-eighth in a field of 40.

SCIENCE REPORT

Pigeon researchers' flights of fancy

New Orleans - Over the past half century, scientists all over the world have carried out experiments with homing pigeons to try to understand their navigation ability.

But according to Charles Walcott, a Cornell University professor who is one of the leading researchers in the field, the pigeons still have the researchers baffled.

Speaking in New Orleans at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Walcott said that researchers in the United States and Europe had thought several times that they had the problem beaten. But no sooner is one explanation for the birds' homing sense uncovered than a new and unexplained ability reveals itself.

Researchers now think that pigeons are clever opportunists capable of using any of a range of skills to get them home.

Homing pigeons have a remarkable range of non-human senses: they can hear very deep sounds that can carry over huge distances, see ultraviolet light, feel small changes in atmospheric pressure, detect light's pattern of polarization, and pick up variations in the Earth's magnetic field. All this in addition to keen senses of sight and smell.

But scientists have quarrelled bitterly in lecture theatres and academic journals over which sense provides the key to the pigeon's navigation ability.

The Italians favoured smell. Their birds, they said, could not find their way home if their nasal passages were sprayed with a local anesthetic. But when the Germans carried out the same experiment, their birds got home just the same.

The Americans thought that the magnetic sense was paramount. They found that pigeon "Bermuda triangles" - areas where pigeons often got lost - are places where the Earth's magnetic field is disturbed.

Walcott carried out what seemed like a clinching series of experiments at Iron Mine Hill, a locality where underground iron deposits turn the lines of the Earth's magnetic field into a set of storm-like whorls. He found that few of his birds could find their way home from the hill. But then later, to his astonishment, he discovered that pigeons reared at a loft just a few miles from his own could fly straight home from Iron Mine Hill.

It was then that researchers realized that homing pigeons used a variety of talents according to experience. The German researchers who had pooh-poohed smell discovered that if they moved their loft to the roof of the laboratory so that pigeons were exposed to passing breezes, the pigeons began to use smell to find their way home.

Similarly, Walcott's group in the United States found that pigeons unaffected by magnetic disturbances came from lofts where there was little magnetic variability in the surrounding area. These pigeons, Walcott thinks, had grown up with little experience of magnetic variability and so ignored it, using other senses to find their way home.

But even multi-talented pigeons cannot get out of all the tight corners that there are. Walcott has found one hill - Jersey Hill some 75 miles west of the Cornell University loft - from which his pigeons never find their way home. The puzzle is that pigeons reared at other lofts fly straight home from the same hill.

Walcott postulates that in some way Jersey Hill and the Cornell loft are "the same", so that his pigeons cannot sense the direction of home. Walcott cannot explain why the Cornell pigeon loft and Jersey Hill should look the same to a pigeon, but he is aware that the range of pigeon senses is so great that quite bizarre possibilities may have to be tested.

Alun Anderson

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Warm weather blow to flower show

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

The warm, early season is causing the Royal Horticultural Society some concern as exhibitors find themselves about four weeks ahead of normal. The February show, which opened yesterday, is more like next month's early spring show, dominated by camellias and daffodils.

Miniature daffodils such as the popular yellow and gold 'Tete a Tete' are being featured by several exhibitors including Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire, which gained a gold medal, and Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull, Somerset. That variety was raised by the late Alec Gray, a breeder of miniature daffodils. Broadleigh Gardens is showing a collection of his most outstanding varieties such as the white 'Candlepower' and primrose 'Gypsy Queeen'. It holds the national collection of Alec Gray hybrid miniatures.

Other gold-medal winners are Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex, showing miniature bulbs; Burncoose and Southdown Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall, trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants; and the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, of Margate, Kent, floral arrangements.

Gold medals have been awarded to the following artists: Ann Farrer, of London, watercolour paintings of plants; Mary Grierson, of Richmond, Surrey, watercolours of plants from the Hawaiian Islands; Kate Nessler, of Arkansas, US, watercolours of orchids; Alex Ramsay, of Craven Arms, Shropshire, photographs of Italian gardens; and Sir Peter Smithers, of Switzerland, photographs of nerines.

Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Berwickshire, is featuring primulas, including the ice-blue 'primrose' *P. whitei* and its variety *bhutanica*, and *P. edgeworthii* with lilac-blue flowers and farinose foliage (covered in white "meal"). Wild primroses, *P. vulgaris sibthorpii*, in pastel pink shades, collected as seeds in Turkey by Jim and Jenny Archibald and introduced in 1987, are also being featured. These primulas are for cool woodland conditions, as is *Sisyrinchium douglasii*, a North American satin lily of restrained habit with purple flowers in February and March.

Other seasonal plants include hellebores, shown by several exhibitors, including Blackthorn Nursery, of Alresford, Hampshire, which has them clustered around the choice lilac-flowered *Daphne genkwa*; and C. Newberry and Sons, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire, which has an equally contrasting group of mauve *Rhododendron praecox*, the green-flowered *Helleborus foetidus* and snowdrops.

The earliness of the season has resulted in fewer exhibits in the RHS ornamental-plant competition. The High Beeches Gardens Conservation Trust, of Handcross, West Sussex, has won a major class for trees and shrubs.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10 am to 5 pm today.

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THE ARTS

Chilling reality

TELEVISION
Sheridan Morley

About 20 years ago, while looking for something new to do on *Late Night Line Up*, the director, Mike Fentiman, took Tony Bilbow and a camera to meet a group of Ford workers in the Dagenham car factory. They proved to be some of the most articulate television critics in the business.

From that one-off beginning, Fentiman created a whole BBC access unit which over the past two decades has managed to open up television to non-professionals more effectively than any other.

Its latest manifestation is a new BBC2 series, *Open Space*, which started last night with a terrifying film, edited by one of Fentiman's old group, Tony Laryea, and made at the Tooting Bec psychiatric hospital by its own patients. What separates this series from any other is that editorial control remains with the public rather than the BBC; in this case, it remained in the hands of Albert Sutton, a patient in the hospital, who talked in *Breaking the Wall* to many of the others about their views on shifting government policy towards the mentally ill.

Inevitably, a report which comes from the inside has the qualities of a house magazine rather than an independent newspaper, but the chilling reality of community care, which effectively means releasing the mentally ill into a non-expert world, has seldom been brought so vividly to the camera.

On ITV, the Kevin Brownlow and David Gill documentary on Harold Lloyd went into the long anti-climax that was a perfect reflection of the silent comedian's later career. Unlike Chaplin and Keaton, the other two great silent giants evoked by Brownlow's title *The Third Genius*, Lloyd managed both his private and his professional life immaculately. No under-age sex scandals, no bankruptcies but instead a long, slow decline brought about by something much less readily understandable than the coming of sound.

When Lloyd made his last silent hit in 1929 he was just 35. He took happily to the microphone, but his public suddenly refused to go near him. According to Brownlow and Gill, this was because the victims of the Depression reacted against his cheery brand of college-boy-made-good optimism.

The next 40 years of Lloyd's life were spent in fabulously wealthy retirement in a full-scale replica of the Villa d'Este, looking not unlike Xanadu in *Citizen Kane*, and lecturing on his early movies at the University of Southern California. It could have been much worse.

To friendship and freedom

David Robinson reveals the winners at an historic Berlin Film Festival and reviews the films that came in from the Cold War

It has taken the Berlin Film Festival precisely 40 years to arrive at a complete reversal of its original intentions: a Cold War provocation. It was established in 1951, in a city still sad and shabby from the aftermath of war, as a glamorous, international cultural event in the Western sector, from which the communist world was banned. Not until the late 1970s was the first Soviet film admitted.

This year though, the festival has been dedicated to reconciliation. For the first time, shows were given in both east and west. Festival guests were allowed to cross the border without visas or passports. East Berliners still cannot quite believe that big cultural events like this can be for everyone and not just the political élite.

An exceptional feature of the festival was the first appearance of many films that had been banned in the east. The main prize, The Golden Bear, was awarded to a legendary suppressed film from Czechoslovakia, Jiri Menzel's *Larks On A String*. It has lost little of its force since its 1968 banning. Starting as comedy and imperceptibly moving to Kafka horror, it tells of the Stalinist "re-education of bourgeois elements" such as philosophers and musicians.

The prize was shared with Costa-Gavras's American-made political drama *The Music Box*, a gripping story about a Hungarian-born American citizen charged with anti-Semitic atrocities committed half a century ago.

East Germany also entered a film dating from 1966, *Traces of the Stones*, which explores with wit and irony the hypocrisies of the system, by which a gifted engineer can be humiliated and demoted, merely on account of a clandestine love affair. At the time, it was politically dangerous enough for its director, Frank Beyer, to be banned from directing for 10 years.

The Berlin competition was dominated by scenes of European history and politics. A new Polish film, Maciej Dejczer's *300 Miles to Heaven*, offers a forceful portrayal of the hopelessness of the old socialist regime, in the story of two young boys who seek political asylum in Denmark. A new film from the USSR, Alexander Rogoshin's *The Guard*, is also a ferocious metaphor of the brutal and twisted human relations produced by corrupt regimes. The film was awarded a special prize for its contribution to cinema art.

From West Germany, *The Frightful Girl*, which won for Michael Verhoven the Best Director prize, is based on the true experiences of a young woman whose efforts to write the history of her local town during the Third Reich brought her into bitter conflicts with fellow citizens.

Even Hollywood seemed caught up by the revolutionary spirit and heightened political consciousness of the era. Apart from *The Music Box*, Oliver Stone's *Born on the 4th of July* dramatized the real life political awakening of Ron Kovic, a young soldier crippled in Vietnam, who passed from gung-ho faith in the Stars and Stripes to dissident political activism.

More private aspects of life were not neglected however. *Coming Out* is, even in today's circumstances, a surprising film to come from puritanical East Germany, depicting sympathetically, if sometimes luridly, a homosexual love affair. The film received a special award for its contribution to tolerance for minorities.

America, as well as the charming *Driving Miss Daisy* (which won a special joint acting award for its mature principals, Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman) offered Woody Allen's *Crimes and Misdemeanors*: a triumphant return to form.

With British film-making at a low ebb, the only home-grown entry was David Hayman's *The Silent Scream*, produced by Channel Four and the British Film Institute. Self-consciously over-elaborated, it sets out to tell the story of Larry Winters, the Scottish murderer who turned poet in his prison cell. Iain Glen emerges as an unusually virile and charismatic new British star, and deservedly won the Silver Bear for best individual performance.

The other main awards went to the Russian Kara Muratova's *The Asthenic Syndrome* and to an unexpectedly dark study of a social outcast in present-day Red China, Xie Fei's *Black Snow*.

No tears: Jiri Menzel's *Larks On A String*, a once suppressed Czechoslovakian film, won the main prize

Magical mixture

CONCERT
Paul Griffiths

Shiva Nova
Purcell Room

People have been trying for a century to find ways of integrating European music with Indian, and still the most successful instances have come from Messiaen, whose concern is limited to rudiments dug up from a medieval Indian treatise and probably mistranscribed. So one should not expect too much too soon from Shiva Nova, an amplified ensemble balancing flute and cello against sitar and tabla, with a synthesizer.

Of the three works for the group included in this programme, Simon Emmerson's *Pathways* was honest in admitting to some doubt. For much of the time the music seemed to be searching its way forward, and the piece only took off when the Indian musicians, Dharambir Singh and Ghulam Sarwar Sabri, were left to do their own thing while the others smilingly, noddingly looked on.

Priti Paintal's *Euroasian Quintet* was a much more boisterous affair, belying her dull title. With its racing pulse, its drones and its hectic rhythmic figures bounced from instrument to instrument, it was reminiscent of Perotinus as much as of Indo-rock. And perhaps this was a kind of realism too: an acknowledgement that western music can only meet Indian if the former is taken back to its 12th-century starting point.

I wonder, however, if the synthesizer has to sound quite so metallized. Daryl Runswick managed to make an advantage of its needling voice in his *Dialectic I*, which started out with the whole ensemble geared to a fast rock beat with Indian slippages, and then moved from optimism to puzzlement as the instruments pulled away into largely improvised solos. The synthesizer was still stuck in the groove of jangling up-tempo repetition, but the cello explored a high reflectiveness.

Sabri showed a virtuosity we were to hear again when he gave a solo improvisation, his right hand flickering on the drum like a bird's wing in panic, and Singh ended with a contemplative coda before the piece lapsed into distant electronic swoops.

Two other moments, both nominally outside the music, showed the distance that has yet to be travelled: after the Emmerson, and again after Sabri's solo, players tuned up to a major chord from the piano that sounded as irredeemably strange as a computer in a Mogul miniature.

MARILYN KINGWELL

Kerry Shale: his magnificent impersonations bring characters to life

Last laugh from a suicidal comic

THEATRE
Harry Eyres

A Confederacy of Dunces
The Gate

Around John Kennedy Toole's comic novel runs a black border: the 32-year-old author committed suicide in 1969, having had it rejected by a string of publishers. Eleven years later, his mother succeeded where he had failed, and the next year, the book won a Pulitzer prize.

Kerry Shale's one-man adaptation, directed by John Abbott, re-enacts the tragic frame, while keeping it sensibly narrow. We come upon the author in his Bohemian study finding the returned manuscript in his letter-box, and impaling another rejection slip on his spike to the ominous strains of Carmina Burana. Before succumbing to sleeping tablets, he picks the book up and cries defiantly: "But it's funny!"

It certainly is. The setting is New Orleans, 1962, and Toole's central character is an elephantine layabout, or eccentric genius, named Ignatius Reilly, who lives at home with mother, penning an indictment of 20th-century tastelessness, or simply watching television.

The genre is urban picaresque; rather in the manner of Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City*, Reilly and mother get involved in a series of free-wheeling adventures with a variety of low-life types.

Shale, with a virtuoso technique honed by radio reading with its lightning character changes, brings them all to life with astonishing verve. The mother is an ironic antithesis of Scarlett O'Hara, who speaks like a cracked crow. There is Patrolman Mancuso, donning ever more unlikely disguises and frequenting bus station washrooms in search of what he calls "preverts".

At the House of Joy bar, the proprietress, Lana Lee, has a voice like a hacksaw and the instincts of a storm-trooper. One of the show's funniest moments is the account of a striptease involving the barmaid, Darlene, and her brass-ring-pulling cockatoo.

At the centre is Reilly, undoubtedly the author's most remarkable creation, with his protruding lower lip, his wallowing gait, his fustian speech ("Move along, you flamboyant offal!") and his uncontrollable eructations. He certainly draws a magnificent impersonation from Shale.

At the same time, we are made to feel that Reilly is what links the black border to the apparently light-hearted comic fiction: the Oblomovian sloth hiding intellectual ambition and the dependence on the mother are the stuff of a different kind of book, which Toole was never able to write.

Delicate game of call-and-response

JAZZ
Clive Davis

Van Morrison/Danish Radio Big Band
Barbican

The presence of Van Morrison ensured a sell-out on the opening date of the tour by the Danish Radio Big Band.

With half of the evening devoted to pop arrangements of Morrison's songs, the pure jazz content was, inevitably, lower than some big band devotees might have hoped. London audiences will have to wait until next week's residency at Ronnie Scott's to gauge the true potential of the band.

Now in its 26th year, the DRBB started life as a refuge for Stan Kenton enthusiasts. Kenton himself conducted the band in 1966. In the years since then the repertoire has broadened, with the help of leaders including Ray Pitts, Thad Jones and Palle Mikkelborg.

Miles Davis performed with the band in 1984, at the premiere of Mikkelborg's suite, *Aura*, dedicated to the Prince of Darkness. The subsequent studio recording was finally released by CBS late last year.

There was little trace of the suite's rock ambience in the opening numbers at the Barbican. Jones's arrangement of "Basically Yours" set the evening underway with a display of controlled power, the slow, heavy brass chords playing a delicate game of call-and-response with the Basie-style piano.

Another standard from the Jones book, the aptly-titled "Tip-toe", demanded bright and agile ensemble playing at a faster tempo.

Rumour has it that Morrison may show up at some of the later tour dates. His relationship with the DRBB goes back five years, to a tour on the band's home territory. They were reunited last year for a successful series of concerts in the United States.

Seemingly determined not to upstage the players, the singer made a businesslike entrance, launching into his songs as if he were just another hired vocalist. But for the next 45 minutes — filmed for a forthcoming Arena documentary — the balance between singer and ensemble sounded way out of proportion.

Whether the fault lay with the sound engineers or Morrison's voice was not clear. The young audience did not seem to mind as long as he served up the old favourites.

His saxophone made a quick appearance before Georgie Fame arrived on stage for the finale.

After a brief encore, the band was left with the unenviable task of continuing on its own, faced by a crowd that was still screaming for the star of the show.

Wisely, the musicians kept things short, signing off with a glowing version of another Jones arrangement, "To You". The audience, to its credit, gave a generous response.

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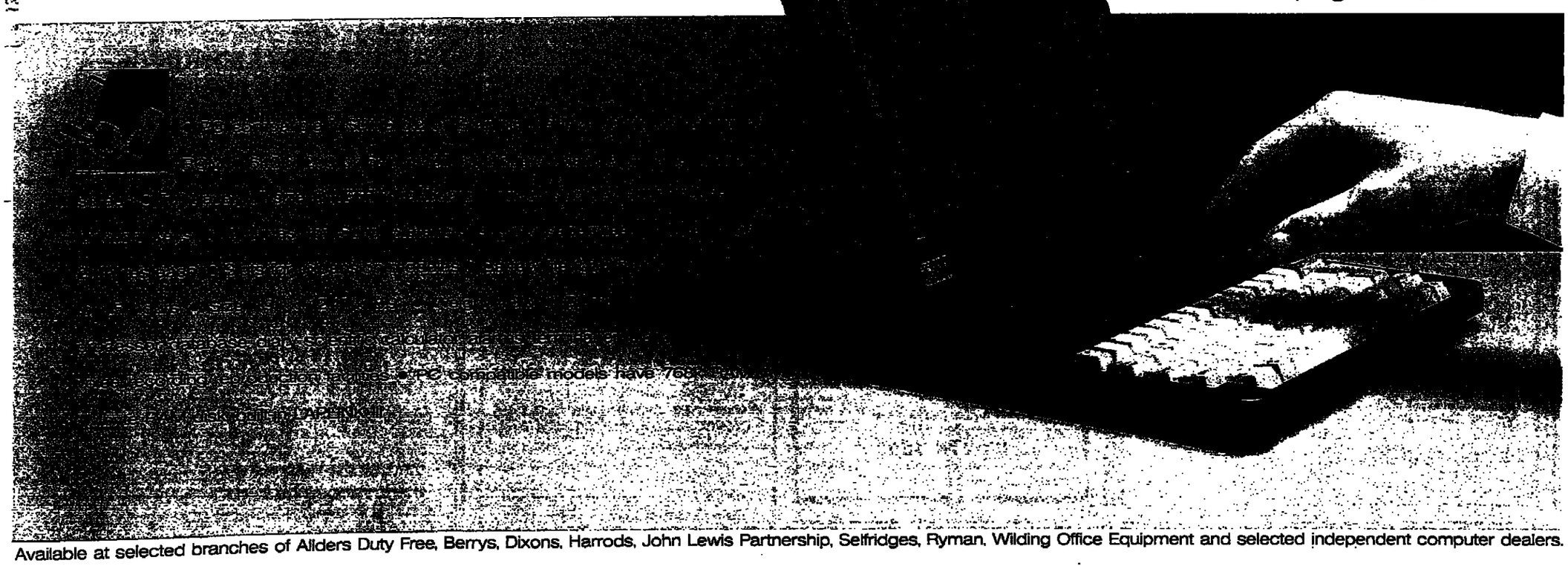

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BROADCAST

Brian Wenham

The next few days will see a pepping-up of commercial radio competition, as Jazz FM the first all-London incremental, or extra, station, takes to the air. The official opening day is March 4, but any Londoner in search of a preview can find sampler test transmissions now, on the allocated frequency, 102.2. The transmitter spread comfortably overlaps the M25, which means a potential of eight million adults, far more than in other local radio areas.

Jazz FM has but a few months start on two other "incrementals", Kiss FM, a heavier metal venture, and Lord Hanson's Melody Radio, unashamedly offering easy listening to more senior citizens. Add these three to BBC Radio's planned five networks, and to the two stations each for Capital Radio and LBC, and you get a choice for Londoners by the end of this year of a dozen different sounds. The IBA radio section, as it gently elides itself into the Radio Authority, is deliberately forcing the pace and stretching the market. The assumption seems to be that as London goes, so, too, in future years may go the nation.

Jazz FM's remit seems wide enough, allowing it to play not simply jazz, but also "jazz-related" music 24 hours a day. In a field which can easily become scratchy with enthusiastic rivalries, the latitude is clearly wise. Already the programmers have identified a dozen mainline sectors from which the music will be drawn: Afro, Bebop, Contemporary, Fusion, Latin, Mainstream, Big Band, Swing, Trad, Blues, Soul, and Gospel. There being no agreed definition of what truly is jazz, the idea is to be "as broad as possible without losing faith".

None of which stops office argument reminiscent of Radio Three sessions about who does and who does not qualify as Composer of the Week. At Jazz FM, Astrud Gilberto is "in", reinforced by the Getz connection, but Joni Mitchell, jazz-related or not, is currently "out". Coming bang up to date, no one seems quite sure what to make of Tracy Chapman. Elsewhere, the Sinatra canon is being taken apart, track by track, to see what qualifies as playable, and a lot does not. With some relief, all agree to rally round Ella Fitzgerald, the First Lady of Jazz, as in some sense the heartbeat of the station. She is responding by being on hand for the Jazz FM launch, offering too a string of concerts.

These keen — and yet for outsiders arcane — arguments perhaps explain why other broadcasters have, by and large, steered clear of jazz, offering little and late, seeing it purely in a minority light. Not surprisingly, the new station is more bullish, believing that there is a large untapped enthusiasm, mostly in the ABC1 25-45 age group. The aim is a weekly reach of 13 per cent or more, about a third of those attending to Capital's two established services, and about two-thirds of those listening to LBC's talk-based offerings. And if the average listener listens for 10 hours or so each week, then Jazz FM will pay its way.

At the outset, the station is making firm noises about style. It wants less chat than is found elsewhere, insists that commercials should not be repeated too frequently, and would prefer them to exhibit something of the station's jazz flavour. It also intends to use them sparingly.

What is not yet clear is how great a conversion job the new station faces. As a nation, we are more cautious as listeners than we are as viewers. When viewing we tend to play the field, trying a little of everything, if not for long. So the average take-up of television channels is three to three-and-a-half per week. But our average take-up as listeners tends to be around two stations a week, no matter how great the choice. That would seem to imply that Jazz FM, and the two other stations soon to follow, will need to make inroads into established loyalties. "New" listeners on their own are unlikely to do the trick. There should be interesting battles ahead.

From the point of view of the new Radio Authority — and of the radio business generally — much hangs on the outcome of these early skirmishes. New 1990s radio has advantages denied to new 1990s television. You simply have to find the new noise and tune in to it, whereas new television comes with its confusing and costly complexity of dishes and decoders. This is why some of the shrewder City brains see radio as the tidy little earner of the decade, while television struggles to muddle through several years of planned turbulence. But the calculation assumes we make the effort and, in so doing, redefine ourselves into those specialist and targeted audience segments that advertisers prize. Jazz FM, with its promise to advertisers to deliver a "truly selective sophisticated audience", will be hoping that we will.

'It is possible to be challenging and effective. It's just more difficult, that's all'

Contrast on screen: the surrealist Nurofen advertisement (left) could take the design/art direction award, but Radion's successful concept will not be considered

Good art or good seller?

The advertising industry tonight chooses its best commercials. Alex Sutherland explains how the offerings will be judged

Tonight at the London Palladium, the British advertising industry will celebrate the past year's achievements. But if you thought achievement was about nothing more than shifting soap powder or pet food, think again. Tonight's proceedings — the second Golden Break awards ceremony — will applaud those advertisements that were laughed at, "aahh-ed" at, or enjoyed most.

The director Hugh Hudson *(Chariots of Fire)* is up for best director for his aerial photography in the British Airways "face" advertisement, with Tony Kaye's duck caught in a river full of litter for the anti-litter campaign, and Hughie Johnson's "O'Malloy" advertisement for Whitbread Murphys. Hudson's BA commercial is also nominated for best design/art direction, as is Gold Greenlees Trott's stunning Arcim Boldo-style surrealist head for Nurofen.

Lenny Henry (Alpen/Weetabix), Andrew Sachs (the broker in the Halifax advertisement), Russ Abbot (Castella Classic) and John Cleese (Talking Pages "ramblers" commercial) will fight for the best actor title, while Vanessa Knox-Mawer (Carling Black Label), Maureen Lipman (British Telecom) and Gabrielle Drake (Yellow Pages) are up for best actress. And it is difficult to imagine that the Carling Black Label squirrel scampering over the assault course to the *Mission Impossible* theme tune will not get recognition in the animal category.

But although the shortlist reflects an industry that seems to be outdoing itself in producing more creative images every year, you can be sure that the one advertisement is unlikely to feature in an artistic awards ceremony is that for Radion, the Unilever product, which is claimed to banish smells and dirt.

With its traditional housewife image and 1950s-style presenter, it makes an unabashed commercial statement. Yet the campaign, launched here in September and adapted from the one used in the rest of Europe and the United States, is set to become the success story of the year. In the first week in February the advertisement reached the top of *Marketing* magazine's Ad Watch chart for spontaneous audience recall, and after five months Radion has secured 9 per cent of the low suds soap market, which last year totalled £627 million.

Alfredo Marcantonio, former deputy chairman of WCRS Matthews Marcantonio, and chairman of the Golden Break judges, admits the success of such campaigns seems to question the notion that effectiveness and advertising creativity go hand in hand. But he makes no apologies for excluding the advertisement tonight: "There are a lot of commercials which sell products which are not particularly adventurous or inspiring. And I have to admit that the advertisement is selling a lot of washing powder."

He says: "Effectiveness cannot always be the criterion of quality. The easily palatable is often more successful than the challenging. But it is possible to be challenging and effective. It's more difficult, that's all."

In 1979 the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising set up its own "effectiveness" awards, given every two years to campaigns with the best response. The winners — Krona margarine and Dettol in 1980, SuperNoodles, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, and Window Locks for the Home Office in 1982 — seem to veer towards the Radion camp.

And until the last ceremony — in 1988 — only one winner, Abbott Mead Vickers' Cow and Gate baby meals campaign, had ever won a gold or silver Designers and Art Directors Award, regarded by many as the top creative accolade.

The strike rate improved only in 1988 — in 1986 virtually none of the effectiveness winners scored creative awards — because the institute rewrote its guidelines, allowing the judges to take creative effects into account.

For Unilever, like other mass-market clients, it is the campaign's effectiveness and not the artistry that ultimately counts. Unilever says it chose a traditional, straightforward format for Radion because research showed it was the best way to get across a new product to a mass market. "The adverts do not have the emotion of a Persil campaign, for instance," the company's information services department explains. "But with Persil, unlike a new brand, we don't need to explain the benefits."

Chris Powell, chairman of the BMP agency, says: "There have always been two sorts of agency — those producing boring work and those producing work which, although bright and bubbly, can do little for the product. The struggle is to do both — creative work that works, and work that stacks up."

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Left, right or centre?

William Greaves looks at the conflicting views on political bias by presenters of BBC Radio's *Today*

Woodrow Wyatt's now-famous allegations in *The Times* that Radio 4's *Today* programme "provides a steady drip-drip diet of anti-Government propaganda" has brought a flurry of heated contributions from all sides, including John Birt, deputy director general of the BBC in charge of journalistic output.

And the confidence with which Kenneth Clark, the Health Secretary, dealt this week with *Today*'s survey of predicted regional Health Service overspending — without actually telling interviewer John Humphrys "You would say that, wouldn't you?" — suggests that ministers have gratefully taken the Wyatt message to heart.

Many regular listeners to *Today*, of whom there are six million every day, might argue that there is nothing new in ministers' tactical deafness when confronted with anything they don't want to hear, and that they have long been adept in the art of the non-answer — or, more precisely, in the art of the complete answer to the unasked question.

But do the men with the responsibility of advising party politicians in the science of interview-handling really believe that *Today* is biased towards the left? And, if so, how are they teaching their august pupils to respond?

Harvey Thomas, a public relations consultant who is also consultant director of presentation to the Conservative Party, has no doubt that the *Today* team is tilted against the Government and contends ("This is an observation rather than an accusation") that the interviewers often require ministers to defend themselves before they have a chance to set out what it is they have to defend.

"I would have no objection," he adds, "if the interviewer said: 'You've got two minutes to state your case and then I'm going to tear you apart'. In fact, I'd like that to happen more often. But the minister comes on to announce, say, an important new discovery, and is immediately asked why he hadn't discovered it five years ago."

If Labour were to win the next election, would they not then be in the same hot seat? "No, I don't believe it is the same for both sides," Thomas says. "You see, radio works on the principle that emotion is interesting and reason is dull. 'The plight of the poor homeless' makes better radio than 'Statistics show that there are now fewer homeless . . .' In fairness, I think it is largely unintentional, but as Conservatives represent reason and Labour the emotions, it will always be the same way round."

Woodrow Wyatt (left) and John Birt: where politicians see propaganda, journalists see balance

So if such rough treatment really is inevitable, what advice does he offer the ministers who come to him for it? "I often remind them that 'a soft answer turneth away wrath'. I know that Nigel Lawson once said to Brian Redhead 'Of course you are a keen Labour supporter', but, by and large, I prefer the more humorous, less aggressive, response. Politicians usually tend to talk in jargon, so something homely like 'What a load of rubbish' often does the trick.

"And I tell them to listen to the question, don't chime in until it's finished, prepare themselves thoroughly for the one they think they are bound to get, restrict themselves to no more than three concise points of reply, and, they have nothing to say, don't go on the radio to prove it!"

Labour's broadcasting officer, Tony Beeton, says the *Today* team "does the job I would expect them to do", while insisting that there have been times when he has remonstrated with the BBC about bias shown against his party.

"No one on our side of the House should regard it as an easy ride," he says, "and my advice to anyone who asks is that they must expect the interviewer to draw the argument out of them. It is just that the Government ministers are having a bit of a rough time at the moment because their policies are not easy to defend."

Greville Janner, the Labour MP for Leicester West, who is also chairman of a company called Effective Presentational Skills, has always made his advice available to his own party colleagues, and retrained more than 60 Labour front and back benchers for the advent of the television cameras.

"Of course the interviewer will try to set you off on the wrong foot," he says. "That's the challenge, and if you don't like it you should keep out.

"My advice for radio interviews is simple. Never lose control of yourself. People listening at home don't like to hear rudeness, so if the interviewer is rude and you don't rise to it then you've won. And remember that you've been asked on to the programme because you know more about the subject than they do, so take your time, take a deep breath and remember to do your PREP — state your Position, give your Reasons, offer an Example and then restate your Position."

With so much expert guidance available, how hard is it for the current team of *Today* presenters to get the answers they seek? Do they see themselves as thorns in the Government's side and how skilful are their subjects becoming in the art of survival?

Sue MacGregor, long-serving presenter of *Woman's Hour* before joining *Today*, is characteristically calm in the teeth of the storm. "One tries to be a good journalist and play devil's advocate," she says. "In order to test a proposition, you have to adopt a slightly adversarial approach and at the back of your mind must always be the need to ask the questions that the listener would expect you to ask.

"I know that editorially we try to maintain a balance and, wherever possible, get spokesmen from both sides. This cannot always be done and sometimes it might be a day or two later that the other view is presented but, for instance, we have had Kenneth Clark and Robin Cook in the same programme."

She does, however, agree with co-presenter Redhead that the Government of the day has the power to put its proposals into practice and that those proposals must, therefore, be examined more closely in that light.

And if the question is ducked or the interviewee tries to deliver an uninterrupted party political broadcast? "You can ask the question again in a slightly different form and then say, just once, 'Mr or Mrs X, you haven't answered my question'. After that the dog must leave the bone — listeners are intelligent enough to know what is happening.

"Stopping people talking is not easy on radio because two people speaking at once soon becomes very confusing. A frequent trick adopted by both Conservative and Labour politicians is to avoid looking you in the eye and, short of reaching across and kicking them under the table, there's not much you can do about that. I once indicated to one of them that he only had one more minute and he accused me of waving my finger at him."

But there are no signs that Government ministers are becoming more backward in coming forward. Could this be because Mrs Thatcher is such an enthusiastic member of *Today's* audience?

The reporting gag that still stifles South Africa

President de Klerk has lifted some restrictions on the media, but many remain in force, the opposition Press says

The reforms in South Africa included a concession which may have gone unnoticed. President F.W. de Klerk announced that: "The media emergency regulations are being abolished in their entirety."

The move came about after years of campaigning, both within South Africa and worldwide. The Anti-Censorship Action Group (Acag), made up of newspaper editors and other journalists, has documented the demise of freedom of speech and lobbied the government. Raymond Louw, once editor of the now-defuct *Rand Daily Mail* and a member of the Acag committee, explains that its work will continue: "The government had a 10 pound sledgehammer to hit the media over the head with. Now it only has a five pound hammer."

Journalist unions are also demanding further reform, and even Willem de Klerk, the president's brother and a former newspaper editor, advocated a more liberal approach to the Press in May 1987 at the height of the State of Emergency. He had strong views on the restrictions: "This is opting for the style of the dictator," De Klerk said.

After years of severe restrictions, South African newspapers are now allowed to analyse ANC policy, quote leaders of previously banned organizations, and even publish photographs of Nelson Mandela. Regulations had made it an offence to report any security action, any speech threatening public safety, the detention of any person or the success of any strike.

Restrictions were challenged in the courts, but any loopholes were subsequently closed by the government. The radical Press highlighted censorship by leaving blank spaces in their pages. When Pretoria outlawed this as "subversive", *The Sowetan* retorted: "We will now fill the spaces with the most innocuous of writings."

Action against the opposition Press did not diminish. Continual warnings were sent to outspokenly anti-government publications such as *The Weekly Mail, New Era, Grass Roots* and *The New African*. Some journalists suffered banning orders and Pretoria tightened the strangle-hold by restricting funding.

The most recent action was taken against *New Nation*, threatened with closure after allegedly publishing articles "calculated to cause public disorder". Zwelakhe Sisulu, its editor, the son of ANC leader Walter Sisulu, spent almost three years in jail without trial. Once released, he was banned and forbidden to "contribute, prepare, compile or transmit, in any manner whatsoever, any matter for publication". But Sisulu said he "refused to be cowed and co-opted into 'state journalism' by finger-wagging officials". Restrictions on him have now been lifted and he is working as Mandela's press officer.

'The government had a 10 pound sledgehammer to hit the media with. Now it has a five pound hammer'

Despite reforms, laws in existence before 1986 will stay. *New Nation*'s acting editor, Gabu Tugwana, says: "Even before the State of Emergency, you had regulations. There are more than 100 which prevent you writing about the police and the army. The state president even mentioned tightening the Internal Security Act."

Under the act, no-one may publish "material which could cause feelings of hostility between different races". In addition, the Publications Act of 1974 prohibits publications which are "undesirable" morally or those which "prejudice the safety of the state".

There is still strict control of reporting of police activites. If a court action is taken over the reporting of an incident involving the security forces, the media has to prove that its coverage is factually correct. It remains illegal to publish the photograph of any imprisoned person.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement remains unconvinced of the apparent new Press freedom. James Richardson, a spokesman, says: "Rather than using the State of Emergency and coming down heavy-handed, they are doing a lot of little things to scare people. They are putting legislation together to get the Press to censor itself."

Television, too, seems to be going through a period of change. The coverage of Mandela's release by the South African Broadcasting Corporation — long thought of as simply a tool of government — was an unprecedented step. Images of the ANC flag accompanied by a commentary announcing "total jubilation, total excitement, total joy" would have been unthinkable a few years ago.

But, for all this apparent change, the white power structures of the SABC remain, and any change in style may derive from government influence, eager to portray the dismantling of apartheid.

Mike Wooldridge, BBC Radio's Southern Africa correspondent, says: "They've certainly been more co-operative. Access to ministers has been good and generally the government's attitude has been very helpful. They obviously want to maintain good media coverage."

But Tugwana, of *New Nation*, wants to intensify his editorial line: "The alternative media has forced the government to begin easing off. There is no point in relenting, as apartheid has not come to an end. It has just been given a new face."

Tony Smith

The author is a freelance journalist for NewsVision, an agency dealing in Third World news coverage.

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INFORMATION SERVICE

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BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BUS STOP:** Jerry Hall plays Cherie, a nightclub singer, waiting for the bus at a Kansas diner; with Sean Cassidy and David Healy.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews from tonight 8-10pm, opens Feb 27 7-9pm. Then Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8pm, previews £4-£10, from Feb 27 £5-£16.

☆ **EXCHANGE:** Martin Jarvis heads the cast in Michael Frayn's translation of long-running Moscow hit by Trifonov: flat-searching and heart-searching in modern Soviet Union.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987). Tube: Charing Cross. Previews tonight 7.45-9.55pm, opens tomorrow 7-9.10pm, then Mon-Fri 7.45-9.55pm, Sat 8.15-10.25pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, previews £5.50-£13, from tomorrow £8-£15.50.

☆ **THE LIAR:** Jonathan Miller's spirited production of the sparky Corneille comedy: Alex Jennings marvellous as the shyster hero and Desmond Barrit as his incredulous servant.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £7-£15.

☆ **A LIFE IN THE THEATRE:** Denholm Elliott and Samuel West in Mamet's study of an old actor and his ambitious junior: the players stronger than the play.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden. Tues-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun 4.30pm, £9-£16.50.

☆ **MAN OF THE MOMENT:** Michael Gambon and Peter Bowles superb in Ayckbourn's masterly harsh comedy: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-11pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, £7-£16.50.

☆ **OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD:** Triple award-winning play by Timberlake Wertenbaker, set in New South Wales 200 years ago where a batch of convicts are ordered to become actors.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, EC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.35pm, mats Fri and Sat 5-7.20pm, £7.50-£15.

David Mamet (above) is principally known as one of the leading contemporary playwrights in the United States, with a string of witty and searching pieces, including *A Life in the Theatre*, currently playing in the West End. He has also contributed importantly to the cinema, both as writer (*The Postman Always Rings Twice*) and director (*Things Change*). Yet another activity is adapting the theatrical classics, and his version of Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya* receives its first British production tomorrow at the Harrogate Theatre (see listing), with Jonathan Burn in the title role.

☆ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE:** Paula Wilcox in Willy Russell's award-winning one-woman play in which a domestic worm triumphantly turns.
Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mat Sat 5-7.15pm, mat Thurs 3-5.15pm, £5-£14.

OUT OF TOWN

HARROGATE: ☆ **Uncle Vanya:** See picture, below.
Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street (0423 502116), Tues-Sat 7.45pm, mats March 3 and 10 2.30pm, £3-£7.

LEATHERHEAD: ☆ **How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the FA Cup:** Stage version of J.L. Carr's touchingly funny novel.
Thorndike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677), Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat 8pm, £5-£9.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **Tons of Money:** Ayckbourn's NT version of the Aldwych farce in which very complicated problems follow a scheme to grab an inheritance.
Playhouse, Williamson Sq (051 709 8363), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm, £1-£7.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

■ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15):** Warm-hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dawdling but handsome version of Robert Harling's play about the camaraderie of Southern women, gathered together in a beauty parlour. With Sally Field, Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine. Directed by Herbert Ross (117 min).
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.35, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.55, 9.25.

■ **WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15):** Engaging romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 6.55, 9.00.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35. Late today, tomorrow 11.10.
Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.30, 8.55, tomorrow and Sun 11.30, 1.45, 4.15, 7.00, 9.25.

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained satirical fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of *The Decline of the American Empire* (120 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Powerful apartheid thriller (from André Brink's novel), with Donald Sutherland as a mild schoolteacher whose conscience is finally stirred. Directed by Euzhan Palcy; with a juicy cameo from Marlon Brando (108 min).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

OPERA

☆ **THE MIKADO:** First night of revival of Jonathan Miller's 1920s-style production for English National Opera, with Lesley Garrett, Richard Angas and Richard Van Allan among a lively cast.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33.

☆ **DIE FLEDERMAUS:** John Mauceri conducts revival of Simon Callow's elegant production for Scottish Opera.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£25.50.

Search for a B-grade aesthetic

Junk aesthetes: The Cramps, from left, Nick Knox, Candy Del Mar, Poison Ivy and Lux Interior, inhabit their own mock-Gothic twilight zone

The Cramps reputedly signed their new recording contract over the grave of Bela Lugosi, cinema's best-known Dracula, on Hallowe'en night. It remains open to question whether these auspicious circumstances had any bearing on the ensuing success of "Bikini Girls With Machine Guns", the group's first Top 40 hit in 14 years of trading, but such a bizarre ritual is certainly an apposite reflection of the band's abiding fascination with the junk aesthetic so vividly espoused by the traditional American B-movie. Led by the deranged duo of vocalist Lux Interior, a zombie-punk version of Elvis Presley, and Poison Ivy Rorschach, who combines the roles of guitarist, songwriter, and record producer with that of all-purpose "strippagram", their first gig was on audition night at the celebrated New York club CBGBs in 1976. It was another three years before they cobbled together their first (mini-) album, *Gravest Hits*, a five-track classic which included a notorious version of the Trashmen's 1964 hit, "Surfin' Bird". Management mogul Miles Copeland took them under his wing, and they toured with the Police, building an unshakeable cult following, particularly in Europe and Britain. On stage, they create a world of their own, a comic mock-Gothic twilight zone where they roam like papier mâché gods, while their music, as evidenced by the latest album, *Stay Sick*, remains a high-kitsch assemblage of psychobilly and swamp-surf themes played with a pleasing degree of genial ineptitude. Tonight, Barrowlands, 244 Gallowgate, Glasgow (041 552 4601), 7.30pm, £7; February 23, Apollo, Manchester (061 273 3775); February 24, Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236); February 25, Studio, Bristol (0272 276193); February 27 and 28, Brixton Academy, London SW9 (01-326 1022).

David Sinclair

☆ **DON GIOVANNI:** David Freeman's latest challenging production for Opera Factory London Sinfonietta, high on sex and *commedia dell 'arte*, and with Omar Ebrahim in the title role.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7-10pm, £8-£18.

★ **THE CRUCIBLE:** Robert Ward's new opera, based on the Arthur Miller play, is presented by the Opera Course of the Royal Academy of Music.
RAM, Marylebone Rd, London NW1 (01-935 5461), 7.30-10pm, free.

CONCERTS

☆ **LIKE A FATHER:** Peter Lea-Cox conducts the Lecosaldi Ensemble in Boyce's *Yea, Like as a Father*, which is followed by Purcell's G minor Trio Sonata.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **FANTASTIC, ROCOCO:** The Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra is conducted by James Blair in Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* and, with Andrew Schulman (cello), Tchaikovsky's Variations on a Rococo Theme.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £4.50-£12.50.

☆ **MAGICAL LOVE:** The Bournemouth Sinfonietta is conducted by Richard Studt in Falla's *Love, the Magician*, Tchaikovsky's *Andante Cantabile*, Rossini's *L'Italiana in Algeri* Overture, Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* (John Williams, guitar) and Paul Hart's Song without Words.
Royal Naval College Chapel, King William Walk, Greenwich, London SE10 (01-317 8687), 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

☆ **FOR FERDINAND:** William Howard performs one of Dussek's all too seldom heard piano sonatas, the *Elégie Harmonique sur la Mort du Prince Louis Ferdinand* Op 61, plus *On the Seashore* by Smetana, Etudes and Polkas by Martinu, sonatas by Chopin (Op 58) and David Matthews.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£7.

☆ **TIMES OF DAY:** Libor Pešek conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic in Haydn's Symphony No 7 "Le Midi", Debussy's *Prélude à l'Après-midi d'un Faune*, Turnage's Night Dances plus Ravel's *La Valse* and, with Ivan Moravec, a connoisseur's pianist, as soloist, Schumann's Concerto Op 54.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope St, Liverpool (051 709 3789), 7.30pm, £4-£10.20.

☆ **WATSON/WATKINSON:** Ian Watson conducts the City of London Sinfonia in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5, Mozart's *Eine kleine Nacht Musik*, Vivaldi's *Seasons* (Andrew Watkinson, violin) and Mozart's Clarinet Concerto (Jack Brymer, soloist).
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £6.50-£14.50.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Kennedy/ECO, *EMI*
2	(2)	**Bernstein in Berlin**	Bernstein, *DG*
3	(3)	**Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto**	Kennedy/Tate/ECO, *HMV*
4	(4)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré/Barbiroli/LSO, *HMV*
5	(6)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Hogwood/AAM, *L'Oiseau Lyre*
6	(7)	**Holst: The Planets**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
7	(5)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré/Barenboim/PDO, *CBS*
8	(10)	**Albinoni: Adagio**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
9	(9)	**Sibelius: Symphony 5**	Rattle/CBSO, *HMV*
10	(8)	**Bizet: Carmen Highlights**	Ozawa/ONDF, *Philips*
11	(14)	**Lloyd Webber: Requiem**	Brightman/Domingo/ECO, *HMV*
12	(12)	**Tchaikovsky: Nutcracker Highlights**	Ermler/ROHO, *RO*
13	(11)	**Mahler: Resurrection**	Kaplan/LSO, *IMP Classics*
14	(16)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Lloyd Webber/Menuhin/RPO, *Philips*
15	(13)	**Tchaikovsky: Swan Lake Highlights**	Ermler/ROHO, *RO*
16	(15)	**Beethoven: Symphony 5**	Karajan/BPO, *DG*
17	(17)	**Puccini: Mme Butterfly Highlights**	Karajan/VPO, *Decca Opera*
18	(–)	**Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue**	Previn/PO, *Decca*
19	(–)	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2**	Ashkenazy/Haitink/COA, *Decca*
20	(20)	**Chopin: Selected Nocturnes**	Barenboim, *DG*

Source: Music Week Research

DANCE

☆ **COLLAGE:** New work by Dutch choreographer Beppi Blankert with Vocem Electronic Singers.
The Place, Dukes Rd, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8pm, £6.

☆ **CURRULAO:** Ashley Page's new work for Rambert Dance Company, and others by Cunningham, Davies and Tetley.
Theatre Royal, York (0904 623 568), 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

☆ **GISELLE:** New production by Christopher Gable for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Grand Theatre, Blackpool (0253 28372), 7.30pm, £7-£12.

☆ **FLESH AND BLOOD:** Lea Anderson's work for The Cholmondeleys.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8pm, £5.60-£6.60.

JAZZ

☆ **IRENE REID:** A singer with the Basie band in the early Sixties, she performs a rousing Dinah Washington-style set, helped by the trio of organist Mike Carr. Support from the Danish band Page One.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Sat.

☆ **EDUARDO NIEBLA/ANTONIO FORCIONE:** Tasteful guitar melodies and "progressive fusion" from the Latin duo.
Vortex Jazz Bar, 139 Stoke Newington Church St, London N16 (01-254 6516), 8.30pm, £3.

ROCK

☆**THE CREATURES:** Out of the Banshees come Siouxsie, the loopy Ice Queen, and Budgie, her faithful Tin Man, on extra-curricular manoeuvres to promote their beguiling *Boomerang* album and latest single, "Fury Eyes".
Rock City, 8 Talbot Street, Nottingham (0602 412 544) 8pm, £6.50.

☆**THE ICICLE WORKS:** Ian McNabb's extraordinarily resilient rock-melody combo celebrating its 10th year in business, with a change of line-up and a new major label recording contract.
Venue, 15 Calton Road, Edinburgh (031 557 3073) 9pm, £4.60.

☆**THE BLUE AEROPLANES:** Bristol indie-veterans whose superb *Swagger*, with its massed chiming guitars, is rock album of the decade (so far), no question.
Psykik Dance Hall at the Old Trout, Barry Avenue, Windsor (0753 867 221) 8.30pm, £4.

GALLERIES

HAZEL SOAN: Seventy watercolours depicting scenes in Spain, Africa and England.
Anne-Mei Chadwick, 64 New Kings Rd, London SW6 (01-736 1928), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 10.

THE EASTER STORY: The Passion and Crucifixion as seen in Old Master drawings.
Christ Church Picture Gallery, Christ Church College, Oxford (0865 276172), Mon-Sat 10.30am-1pm and 2-4.30pm, until May 15.

BRAKE BALDWIN (1885-1915): Paintings of Edwardian life.
Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb St, London SW1 (01-235 8144), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until March 23.

FRANCIS BACON: The Tate's important holdings of this artist's work plus a few selected loans to complete the picture of a long and distinguished career.
Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223), Tues-Sun 11am-7pm, free, until Dec 31.

TALKS

MUSEUM LECTURE: Half a million years of London's pre-history — an overview by Nick Merriman.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2, 1.10pm, free.

MUSICAL LECTURE: Reinhard Strohm, of King's College, London, discusses the controversies about Netherlandish music.
King's College London, Faculty of Music, University of London, Strand, London WC2 (01-836 5454), 5pm, free.

WALKS

LONDON'S THEATRELAND PAST AND PRESENT: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

BEATLES LONDON — ROCK ROUTES OF THE SWINGING SIXTIES: Meet Green Park tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

PIRATES, SMUGGLERS AND PRESSGANGS — A DOCKLANDS PUB WALK: Meet Tower Hill tube, 7.35pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

OTHER EVENTS

CHESTER ANTIQUES AND PERIOD FURNISHING SHOW: Forty exhibitors in antiques and specialists working in complementary services — restorers, upholsterers and interior decorators — plus garden statuary. Refreshments.
The County Grandstand, Chester Racecourse, Chester. Until Feb 24, today, tomorrow 11am-8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 11am-6pm. Admission £3 includes catalogue.

LITERATURE ON THE SOUTH BANK: Readings by two poets — Andrew Elliott and Paul Munden.
The Voice Box, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (01-921 0943), 7.30pm. Adult £2, student £1.50.

GLASGOW — CITY OF ARCHITECTURE: Opening day of an exhibition which illustrates the wealth of fine buildings in the city plus photographs and models showing the role of architects through the ages.
Stirling Library, Glasgow (041 221 3347). Until Oct 31, Mon-Sat 9.30am-8pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SCOTTISH BALLET: Company celebrates 21st year with new works by George Balanchine: *Stoch Symphony* and *Who Cares?* Also Oleg Vinogradov, from Kirov Ballet mounts his one-act version of *Pacquita*. March 16-24.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234/041 227 5511).

ROYAL BALLET IN MANCHESTER: Performances of Kenneth MacMillan's *The Prince of the Pagodas*, and Natalia Makarova's Russian classical ballet *La Bayadère*. (March 5-10).
Palace Theatre, Oxford St, Manchester. (061 236 9922).

LAST CHANCE

INIGO JONES, ARCHITECT: 113 drawings, elevations and plans, by man who revolutionized English architecture and theatre design in 17th century. Ends Sun.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-439 7438).

MINIMALISM: Art movement which began in 1960s, showing artists' concerns with architecture and environment, industrial materials as well as everyday images.
Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223, recorded info: 01-709 0507). Ends tomorrow.

LIVING ARCTIC: Hunters of the Canadian North: Large exhibition about contemporary lifestyle and history of Indian and Inuit peoples of Canadian north. Ends Sun.
Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, London W1 (01 437 2224).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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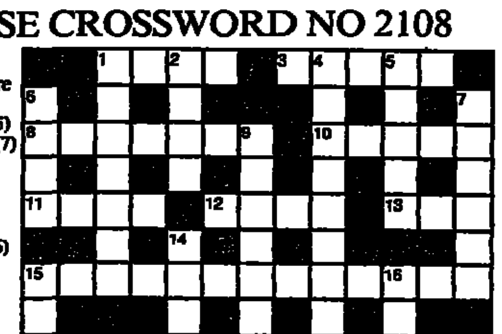

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15 "Offer or nothing" (7,6)
17 Thickset horse (3)
19 Sit on (4)
20 Riffraff (4)
23 Result (5)
24 S African whip (7)
25 Emerald, aquamarine mineral (5)
26 And (4)

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1 Vehicle booby trap (3,4)
2 Lofty (4)
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5 S American mountain range (5)
6 Scratch (4)
7 Periphery (6)
9 Cromwell's army (9)
14 Politeness (8)
15 Computer tapper (6)
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WORD-WATCHING

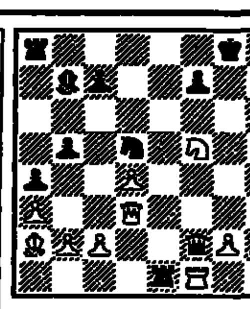
Answers from page 24

ADESPOTA
(b) Literary works not attributed to (or at any rate not claimed by) an author, from the Greek *a*- privative + *despotes* a master: "The cards were then sorted out according to countries, towns, and presses, with a large section of adespota."

GLENOID
(a) Socket-shaped, slightly cupped, usually in medical or anatomical use, from the Greek *glene* a socket.

SOLIPED
(b) An animal having a whole or uncloven hoof, from the Latin *solus* alone + *pes, pedis* a foot: "It is plainly set down by Aristotle, an Horse and all Solipeds have no gall."

KLUTZ
(b) A clumsy person, a lubberly lout, from the Yiddish *klutz* a block: "I am the world's biggest klutz: I trip over my own feet, drop things."



WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

In this position from the game Hallier (White) Herman (Black), Hamburg 1965 how does White win quickly? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black breaks through with 1...Rxd3! 2 cxd3 Qxe4! 3 fxe4 c2 forcing a new queen.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 THE MIKADO. Tomor 7.30 BEATRICE & BENEDICT.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Standby info 836 6903. S CC 65 ampni seats avail on the day Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Don Pasquale. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Swan Lake.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO OCTOBER ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" Sunday Express

ALBERY 867 1115 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee/741 9999 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Grps 867 1113 BEST MUSICAL SWET Award 1983 WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS STARRING KIKI DEE "ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp ...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

ALDWYCH (All bkgs 836 6404) Evgs 7.30 Wed 3.0 Sats 4.0 & 8.0 LAST 5 WEEKS JUDI DENCH RONALD PICKUP BERNARD HILL THE CHERRY ORCHARD by CHEKHOV, Trans MICHAEL FRAYN "AN ADMIRABLE PRODUCTION ... THE WHOLE THING LIFTED ME SIX FEET OFF THE GROUND" S.Correspondent.

AMBASSADORS 01 836 6111/2 cc 836 1171 CC with bkg fee 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK!

APOLLO 01-437 2663 cc 01 379 4444/741 9999 (with bkg fee) 01-240 7200 Grps 01 930 6123 PETER O'TOOLE 'JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL' by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin "AN OUTRIGHT WINNER" Eve Std Mon-Fri 8.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.45 From 5 Mar Jeffrey Bernard will be played by TOM CONTI APPLY TO BOX OFFICE DAILY FOR RETURNS

ARTS 836 2132 cc 379 4444 From £7.60 A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT "The best Musical in town" Simon Bates BBC Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 6.00 & 8.30

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 SIXTH HIT YEAR! STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £6 on Tues Mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 9am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Today 7.30, Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 THE PIT Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 ROMEO AND JULIET.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St, WC2 01 379 5299 CC 379 4444 (No Bkg Fee) 240 7200/741 9999 (Bkg Fees) Groups 240 7941 RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET Shakespeare's Forgotten Rock-and-Roll Masterpiece "Joy and excitement fill the stage and thrill the theatre" Tms Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.30 Fri at 5.00: All Seats £7.50

COMEDY 01 930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438/867 1111/741 9999 or 24hr with bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Grps 930 6123/240 7941 "GLORIOUSLY FUNNY" D Exp PATRICIA HODGE SIMON CADELL NOEL & GERTIE WORDS AND MUSIC BY NOEL COWARD "SOPHISTICATED, SPARKLING, BRILLIANT AND BEGUILING" Sunday Times Mon-Fri 8pm. Wed Mat 3pm Saturday 5pm & 8.15pm

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg Fee) 24hr 7 days 379 4444/240 7200 Grps 831 8625 MISS SAIGON BEST MUSICAL Eve Std Drama Awards 1989 Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Check daily for returns. A few balcony seats usually avail Latecomers not admitted until the interval NEW BOOKING PERIOD: MARCH - JUNE POSTAL BOOKINGS ONLY

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Olivier Awards 1988 PAULA WILCOX in WILLY RUSSELL'S "GEM" SHIRLEY VALENTINE Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5 "The audience roars approval Shirley's spell is unbreakable" D Mail "The funniest & the most heartwarming play for years" D M

FORTUNE Box Office & cc 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 240 7200 CHARLES KAY DOMINIC LETTS Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt "A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER" Guardian "MASTERLY" Exp "CHILLING" Ind "GRIPPING" FT "FIRST RATE" Ind "TAKE TRANQUILISERS" T Out SECOND TERRIFYING YEAR! Eves 8 Mats Tues 3 Sat 4 NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

GARRICK Box Office/cc 01 379 6107 cc (no bkg fee) 01 836 3464/379 4444/741 9999 Royal Court Theatre's Production of OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD BEST PLAY Olivier Awards 1988 Mon-Thur 8.00, Fri & Sat 5.00 + 8.15 Fri 5.00 ALL SEATS £7.50 LAST 2 WEEKS - ENDS 3 MAR!

GARRICK 01 379 6107 inc cc no bkg fee All bkg fee 01 497 9977/379 4444/741 9999 Royal National Theatre Production IAN McKELLEN MICHAEL CASHMAN in BENT by MARTIN SHERMAN directed by Sean Mathias "erotic and moving" FT "a demanding and fascinating play" Gdn OPENS 6 MARCH

GLOBE THEATRE BO (CC) 01 437 3667 "MICHAEL GAMBON and PETER BOWLES ARE SUPERB in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S MASTERLY COMEDY" Times MAN OF THE MOMENT Mon-Fri Evgs 7.45 Matinees Wed 3.0 Saturdays 5.0 & 8.30

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 01 930 9832 CC 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 bkg fee Groups 01 240 7941 PAUL EDDINGTON "marvellous performance" Ind ANGELA THORNE "lights up the stage" Today in "Sam Mendes' fine production" Ind of Dion Boucicault's "enchanting comedy" D Tel LONDON ASSURANCE Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 4 LAST 3 WEEKS

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO 930 9832 CC 497 9977/379 4444/741 9999 Group 240 7941 AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV 20 MARCH to 29 APRIL PRESS NIGHT 21 MARCH 7pm Tues-Sat Eves 8pm Sun Mats 4pm FOR 36 PERFORMANCES ONLY

HER MAJESTYS Enquiries 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS JILL WASHINGTON ROBERT MEADMORE Iren Bartok plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 FULLY BOOKED TILL 29 SEPT NEW BOOKING PERIOD OPENING SHORTLY

LONDON PALLADIUM Box Office cc & groups 01 437 7373 cc's (with bkg fee) 01 379 4444, 01-240 7200 01 741 9999. Groups 01 930 6123 Previews from March 23 OPENS MARCH 26 at 7.30 PAUL NICHOLAS and BONNIE LANGFORD in the smash hit Broadway musical THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE by Gilbert & Sullivan "A rollicking swashbuckling, delightful show" Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 LIMITED SEASON ONLY

LONDON PALLADIUM BO & cc & Grps 437 7373 cc(bkg fee) 240 7200 (24hrs) / 379 4444 THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER starring SARAH BRIGHTMAN with the ROYAL PHILHARMONIC POPS ORCHESTRA AND THE ORIGINAL AMERICAN CAST 'A Tour De Force Concert' Hollywood Reporter February 26 - March 3 6 PERFS ONLY Nightly at 8

LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave 437 3686 cc (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 741 9999 Grps 240 7941 JERRY HALL SHAUN CASSIDY DAVID HEALY in BUS STOP Mon Thur 8pm Fri & Sat 8.45pm (No 6pm perf Fri 23 Feb) Red Price Prevs from Tonight Opens 27th

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 01 836 3464) (cd & tom 11am & 2pm. Fri & Sat 2pm & 5pm THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS Studio: 01 741 8701 Eves 8pm Sat mat 4.30pm HANGOVER SQUARE.

NATIONAL THEATRE 01 928 2252 Grps 01 620 0741 24 hr cc bkg fee: 240 7200 OLIVIER Today 2.00 & 7.15. Tomor 7.15 THE GOOD PERSON OF SICHUAN Brecht LYTTELTON Ton't, Tomor 7.30 BENT Sherman COTTESLOE Ton't 7.30 MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM Wilson Tomor 7.30 RACING DEMON Hare PLATFORM PERF Today 2.30 THEATRE IN ACTION BENT Transfers Garrick Theatre (see above) from 6th Mar

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. This from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T S ELIOT MUSICAL CATS SEATS NOW AVAIL FOR EVE PERFS MAR & TUE MATS FROM FEB ONWARDS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BKG TO SEPTEMBER

OLD VIC Box Office & cc 928 7616. CC (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Mon-Fri 7.30 Wed mat 2.30. Sat 4.00 & 7.45 THE LIAR by Pierre Corneille Directed by Jonathan Miller "BRILLIANTLY FUNNY" Times "A THOROUGH DELIGHT" D.Tel. LAST FOUR WEEKS!

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 Groups 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LDC NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER APPLY TO BOX OFFICE DAILY FOR RETURNS

PHOENIX Charing Cross Road WC2 01 836 2294 cc 240 9661 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 01 240 7200/01 741 9999/01 379 4444 (all bkg fee) STEVEN BERKOFF "mesmeric hypnotic" Sun Exp in Oscar Wilde's SALOME "a glittering masterpiece" Indp Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 741 9999 bkg fee KING THE MUSICAL Opens April 11

PLAYHOUSE BO & CC 839 4401 cc 240 7200 bkg fee Group Sales 930 6123 Mon-Sat 8pm DONALD SINDEN "Makes it a Wilde success" Std as OSCAR WILDE "DAZZLING, COMPELLING HEART-STOPPING & MARVELLOUS" Jack Tinker Daily Mail LAST 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO NATIONAL TOUR M.I. GROUP PLAYHOUSE

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 ELAINE PAIGE BERNARD CRIBBINS & JOHN BARROWMAN in ANYTHING GOES "THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN" Daily Express "I LOVED EVERYTHING ABOUT IT" Daily Mail Choreographed by MICHAEL SMUIN Directed by JERRY ZAKS Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30 CAST ALBUM AVAILABLE ON FIRST NIGHT RECORDS NOW

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Queue daily for returns. Strictly no admittance for latecomers. NOW BOOKING TO SEPT

QUEENS BO 734 1166/379 4444/741 9999/240 7200 AT NO BKG FEE. GROUPS 930 6123 NIGEL HAWTHORNE JANE LAPOTAIRE SHADOWLANDS "Packed with emotional bombshells" T Out Eves 8.00 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 days 240 7200 CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY by Roald Dahl Today & Tomor 2 & 6. Fri & Sat 2 & 6.30

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443 Special CC No 379 4444 Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45 Sat 5.0 and 8.0 38TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660/4143 CC 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) "THIS REALLY WONDERFUL ACTOR RETURNING IN TRIUMPH" FT DENHOLM ELLIOTT in DAVID MAMET'S "DELICIOUS" FT COMEDY A LIFE IN THE THEATRE Directed by BILL BRYDEN Tue-Sat 8 Mat Thu Sat&Sun 4.30 LAST WEEK

STRATFORD UPON AVON. Box Office and CC (0789) 295623 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE: Show Boat RSC/Opera North Production: Tonight, Tomor, Fri, Sat 7.30pm, Mat Tomor Sat 2.00pm Rik Mayall 14th March 7.30pm SWAN THEATRE: Winter Visitors Season of Theatre and Music 3rd Feb - 17th March

VAUDEVILLE BO & CC 836 9987 cc (no bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 MICHAEL FRAYN'S TRANSLATION OF RUSSIA'S GREATEST MODERN HIT NOW IN THE WEST END FOR A STRICTLY LIMITED SEASON MARTIN JARVIS in YURI TRIFONOV'S EXCHANGE "An extraordinary tragi-comedy" Guardian Eves 7.45 Sat 5.00 & 8.15 Previews Tonight First Night Tomorrow at 7pm

VICTORIA PALACE 01 834 1317 CC 01 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 "It's Buddy Brilliant" Sun "Sheer unadulterated fun ... I love this show" Sun Exp. The man. The Music. The Legend. BUDDY The Buddy Holly Story A NEW MUSICAL "Wonderful Stuff" Sun Tel. "I Loved It" Fin Times Mon Thurs 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30 ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAYS 5.30 PERF

WHITEHALL S 867 1119 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 Eves 8 Thu mat 2.30 Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company William Gaunt Christopher Blake Jack Watling Judy Buxton Heather Wright Leslie Lawton Michael Cotterill Derren Nesbitt RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2,700 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S.Exp

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE 01 867 1116 cc 01 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 01 867 1113 Groups 01 240 7941 ALBERT FINNEY "devastating inner power" D Mail JANET SUZMAN 'quite magnificent' Ind SARA KESTELMAN "brilliant" FT DAVID de KEYSER "deeful" Std CHRISTIEN ANHOLT "excellent" D Tel ANOTHER TIME "by far the best new play of the year . serious and funny" D Tel. "easily Ronald Harwood's best work since 'The Dresser'" FT. "Elijah Moshinsky's impeccable direction" S Tms Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 & Sat 4 LAST 4 WEEKS

EXHIBITIONS

ACCADEMIA ITALIANA 24 Rutland Gate SW7 225 3474/5 FUTURISM & THE ARCHITECTURE OF SANT' ELIA Tues-Sat 10-5.30 Weds 10-8pm Extended until March 4th

ART GALLERIES

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PARKIN GALLERY 11 Motcomb St SW1. 235 8144. BRAKE BALDWIN 1895-1916 an Edwardian Painter - 23 March

ROY MILES GALLERY 29 Bruton St. W1. 495 4747 - RUSSIAN PAINTINGS. Mon - Fri 10 - 6, Sats 10-1.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Tube 485 2443 OSCAR NOMINATION BEST FOREIGN FILM Denys Arcand's JESUS OF MONTREAL (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.05 8.40 "Unmissable" Ind on Sun. "Hugely Entertaining" Std.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Jim Jarmusch's MYSTERY TRAIN (15) Progs 1.40 4.00 6.25 8.50.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 465 8865 KENNETH BRANAGH as HENRY V (PG) Film at 2.30 5.45 8.30. NOMINATED FOR 3 OSCARS AND 6 BAFTA AWARDS LAST WEEK. FROM FRI CINEMA PARADISO (PG)

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 Fellini's "8½" (15) Film at 2.45 5.45 & 8.30 LAST WEEK: FROM FRI HENRY V (PG)

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805 DONALD SUTHERLAND MARLON BRANDO in A DRY WHITE SEASON (15) Film at 2.00 4.10 6.20 & 8.40. "A GRIPPING FILM" D Telegraph

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 OSCAR NOMINATION BEST FOREIGN FILM Denys Arcand's JESUS OF MONTREAL (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.05 8.40 Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. "Brilliant" S. Times "Outstanding" Obs.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq WC1 (Russell Square Tube) 837 8402 1 Aki Kaurismaki's LENINGRAD COWBOYS GO AMERICA (12) Progs 1.50 3.35 5.25 7.20 9.15. 2 Idrissa Ouedraogo's YAABA (PG) Progs 2.35 4.40 6.50 9.00.

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TELEVISION & RADIO

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Boney's parting shot

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● As he served out his exile on the South Atlantic island of St Helena, one of the main preoccupations of the deposed Emperor Napoleon was constructing a favourable view of himself for posterity. Determined to pre-empt the verdict of history, he conspired with his self-appointed biographer, Count Emmanuel Las Cases, to create the romantic, heroic legend which still endures. Napoleon's *apologia pro vita sua*, as set down by Las Casas and embroidered by his British doctor, Barry O'Meara, forms the central strand of Neil Cameron's skilfully constructed film for **Timewatch** (BBC2, 7.55pm). With Lundy in the Bristol Channel plausibly doubling for St Helena, and the main characters played by

Pre-empting history's verdict: Kenneth Colley as Napoleon (BBC2, 7.55pm)

actors, it is an effective piece of dramatization, even if Kenneth Colley's Boney is a leaner version than we normally get on screen from the likes of Herbert Lom. The film also does exactly what Napoleon was trying to avoid, which is to expose his record to the independent scrutiny of historians. Napoleonic rhetoric about being the saviour of France and the founder of modern Europe is periodically punctured by less flattering assessments — that he was a cynical opportunist, an autocrat unable to tolerate opposition or listen to public opinion, and the creator of the first modern police state. The danger with this approach is that it presents two extremes with nothing much in the middle. To present Napoleon as complete hero or utter villain does not exhaust the range of possibilities. But at least the viewer is forced into an active response, instead of having the argument neatly pre-packaged and allowing no room for dissent.

● **Dispatches** (Channel 4, 8.30pm) brings a disquieting report from the North Sea, suggesting that 18 months after the Piper Alpha oil rig tragedy the safety lessons have still not been learnt. Fingers are pointed at the Government, for its remote and cumbersome system of regulation, and at ageing equipment, but most of all at the oil companies for putting safety behind profit. There are charges that men who raise safety issues are branded as troublemakers and not re-engaged and one of the Piper Alpha survivors is convinced such a disaster could happen again. The reluctance of the major oil companies to take part in the programme means that the case for the defence tends to go by default.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Chris Lowe. Includes regular national and international news bulletins; financial news; sports reports; regional news, weather and travel. Paul Callan reviews the morning newspapers **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Jayne Irving takes calls on the little-discussed subject of impotence
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays **10.50** Roobarb, narrated by Richard Briers (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Geraldine McEwan with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. With guests Peter Sallis (Clegg) and Bill Owen (Compo) from *Last of the Summer Wine*
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. The guests include Liza Minnelli and Brian Turner who launches the Campaign for Great British Food. Presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Joe is trying to come to terms with little Toby, who has turned up on his doorstep with his mother. (Ceefax) **1.50** Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the European general knowledge quiz
2.15 Knots Landing. Olivia discovers some disturbing skeletons in her mother's cupboard **3.05** Hopping Down in Kent. Six Londoners relive the experience of hop-picking holidays in Kent (r) **3.35** Cartoon Double Bill
3.50 Fireman Sam (r) **4.00** Mick and Mac starring Michael Barrymore and David Jarvis **4.10** The Further Adventures of SuperTed **4.25** Jackanory. Douglas Hodge with part three of Nina Bawden's *The Finding* **4.35** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles
5.00 Newsround **5.10** Troublemakers. Episode two of the six-part children's serial. Toby thinks it would be a good idea to get back at old Griggs by messing up his year — until he discovers what is hidden in the shed. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests are Jack Lemmon, and Jessica Tandy and Morgan Freeman, the Oscar-nominated stars of *Driving Miss Daisy*. Providing the music is Belinda Carlisle
7.35 Family Matters. One in 10 couples are infertile; are test tube babies the answer? Margaret Jay talks to some of the families concerned, followed by a discussion chaired by John Humphrys.
8.05 Dallas. Ewing Oil finds itself under fire after the tanker collision. The new chair of the investigating commitee just happens to be an old adversary. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Q. E. D: The Love Laboratory. Dr John Gottman, an American psychologist, says he can predict whether a marriage will be long running or not. With the help of a young Seattle couple, video cameras and two-way mirrors he sets out to demonstrate this. He concludes by describing what he believes to be the "Five Typical Paths to Divorce". (Ceefax)
10.00 Sportsnight featuring domestic and international football. Highlights from FA Cup fifth round replays as well as action from England's World Cup group opponents, the Netherlands, versus the hosts, Italy. Plus news from the World Cup hockey tournament in Pakistan
11.25 Film: White Lightning (1973) starring Burt Reynolds, Jennifer Billingsley and Ned Beatty. Gator finds out while in prison that his younger brother has been murdered by a corrupt sheriff. Gator agrees to become an undercover agent in a bid to trap the sheriff. Directed by Joseph Sargent
1.05am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from **7.00**, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**. **8.50** Wacaday introduced by Timmy Mallett
9.25 The Pyramid Game. Game show hosted by Steve Jones **9.55** Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes gossip from Hollywood; agony aunt Denise Robertson; news of voluntary organizations that need volunteers; and microwave recipes. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Allsorts **12.30** Home and Away. Carly seems to have found a good friend in Andrew
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20** Thames News and weather **1.30** Santa Barbara followed by Crimestoppers
2.00 Look Good, Feel Great. Glynn Christian prepares an unusual wedding cake containing the humble prune, and the rest of the team catches up with the latest developments in health and beauty at an exhibition in Brighton
2.30 Take the High Road. Brian and Isabel finally resolve their differences
3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity panel game **3.25** Thames News and weather **3.30** Coronation Street (r)
4.00 Wowser **4.15** Rolf's Cartoon Club **4.40** Spatz. The first episode of a comedy-drama serial set in Spatz, a fast-food restaurant
5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help. How the Community Charge Benefit Scheme works
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting worthy
7.30 Coronation Street. Alf Roberts is worried by rumours that another grocer may be opening a shop in Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 No Job for a Lady: There Should Be a Law Against It. Jean Price hopes to make an impact during her first term as an MP by introducing a private member's Bill, but finds that it's far from easy. (Oracle)
8.30 The Ronn Lucas Show. Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas and his dragon, Scorch, are joined in today's show by dance duo Tricia and Burt and rock and rollers Big Town Playboys
9.00 El C.I.D: Dog Days. Blake and Bromley are hoping to sit back and enjoy the sunshine aboard El C.I.D. but their peace is disturbed when they're asked to help a woman reclaim her unfaithful husband's villa while he's away for the weekend. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Julia Somerville. Weather **10.30** Thames News and weather
10.35 The Golden Break Advertising Awards. Jonathan Ross hosts this ceremony, the advertising industry's equivalent of the Oscars, from the London Palladium. Trophies are awarded for the best work in television commercials in a variety of categories, from the usual Best Actor and Best Actress to Best Performance by an Animal.
11.30 Berlin Berlin. Richard Jobson, Fiona Adam and Mark Webster are in Berlin for the international film festival and to investigate the cultural scene in both East and West Germany following their years of separation
12.35am Kojak: Marker for a Dead Bookie. Kojak is living the high life to convince a narcotics dealer that he is corrupt (r)
1.30 Stories in the Night. Nick Stuart chairs a discussion on psychokinesis
2.00 News headlines followed by Videofashion. Includes an interview with Karl Lagerfeld
2.30 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem
3.00 Friday the 13th: Bedazzled. Micki is terrorized by two thieves
4.00 News headlines followed by Rallycross
4.30 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: The Message of Starlight **7.10** Space and Time: Shades of Black. Ends at **7.35**
8.00 News **8.15** Westminster. Brian Curtois presents yesterday's proceedings in Parliament
9.00 Ceefax.
9.30 Daytime on Two: science and sport **9.50** Beginner's German **10.05** For the very young **10.20** Science: predicting disasters **10.40** Making a television studio programme in Scotland **11.00** Learning to read **11.15** Storytelling **11.35** Managing schools **12.10** Electricity from bacteria **12.30** Safer sex **12.55** Improving wordpower **1.20** *Bertha* **1.40** *The Odyssey*
2.00 News and weather followed by a story for children **2.15** Country File (r) **2.40** Arthur Negus Enjoys. A home in Gloucestershire described as "the last manor house built in England" (r) **2.55** The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Whitby (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Wild World: Rhinos of Assam. How industrialization is threatening the famous one-horned Indian rhino in Assam (r) **3.50** News, regional news and weather
4.00 Great Railway Journeys of the World. From London to Budapest via 16 different trains (r). (Ceefax)
5.00 One in Four includes blind French singer Gilbert Montagne talking about his successful campaign to have Braille passports introduced in France
5.30 Holiday 90 (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 DEF II begins with The Invaders, starring Roy Thinnes (r) **6.50** Reportage. Magenta De Vine, Sankha Guha and the team present this week's topical current affairs magazine **7.25** Rapido. This week's guests include the Cult, Vaughan Oliver and the Hooters
7.55 Timewatch: Napoleon's Last Battle (see Choice)
9.00 Pennies from Heaven. Episode three and Arthur returns home to Joan who, against her better judgement, agrees to use her father's money for Arthur to set up his own record shop. Eileen, meanwhile, is pregnant and faces disgrace as she leaves her job and home for a new life (r)
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show **11.55** Weather
12.00 Open University: Strike a Light. Ends at **12.30am**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Women: The Way Ahead. Series for women who are returning to either work or training (r). (Oracle)
2.30 The Hutterites. A documentary looking at the 450-year-old Hutterite sect, now resident in Dakota. By leading a communal rather than an individual life, they claim to have rid themselves of poverty, murder and anxiety about the future.
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Should you tell your best friend if their partner is having an affair?
4.30 Countdown
5.00 Boom! Magazine series for children, especially those with special needs
5.30 Country Ways. Penshurst, Kent, during five days in June. (Oracle)
6.00 The Victorian House. Jonathan Meades presents the first of this series looking at the social, cultural and historical forces that brought the classic Victorian house into existence (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Get Smart. Spoof 1960s spy series starring Don Adams
7.00 Channel Four News with Nicholas Owen and Zinab Badawi
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Conservative Party politician. Weather
8.00 Brookside. Sammy returns drunk after the inquest to a violent argument with Frank. (Oracle)
8.30 Dispatches (see Choice)
9.15 Signals: Cleopatra — Dreams and Distortions. A look at the legends surrounding Cleopatra
10.00 Women Call the Shots: Honestly It's the Story of My Life. Sarah Kennedy's cartoon portrait of a gauche youngster in London
10.05 Film: Smithereens (1982) starring Susan Berman, Brad Rinn and Richard Hell. The story of a 19-year-old New York punk and her relationship with an innocent country boy from Montana. Directed by Susan Seidelman
11.50 Great Wall of China: Lovers at the Brink. Marina Abramovic and Ulay walk towards each other on the 4,000km wall
12.55am Mel Lewis and the Jazz Orchestra. A tribute to the late Mel Lewis. Ends at **2.00**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am International Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The New Price Is Right **10.30** The Young Doctors **11.00** Sky By Day **12.00** Another World **1.00pm** As The World Turns **2.00** Loving **2.30** A Problem Shared **3.00** Here's Lucy **3.30** Dennis **3.45** Captain Caveman **4.00** Plastic Man **4.30** The New Leave It To Beaver **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price Is Right **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.00** Hey Dad **7.30** Zenith Cup Football: southern final, second leg – Crystal Palace v Chelsea **9.30** The Hitchhiker **10.00** Jameson Tonight **11.00** Sky News **11.30** Voyagers

SKY NEWS

5.00am International Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** International Business Report **10.30** Frank Bough **11.30** International Business Report **1.30pm** NBC Today **2.30** Parliament Live **3.15** Parliament Live **4.30** NBC Today **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** Frank Bough **9.30** Newsline **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** Frank Bough **1.30** Newsline **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** Frank Bough **4.30** Newsline

SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am** The Shopping Channel **2.00pm** New York City Too Far from Tampa Blues: A young boy is relocated to New York from Tampa Bay **3.00** The Rocking Chair Rebellion: A teenager becomes involved with the pensioners in her neighbourhood **4.00** Yabba Dabba Doo Celebration: Animated adventure with the Flintstones **6.00** The Amazing Howard Hughes — Part One (1977): Starring Tommy Lee Jones **7.40** Entertainment Tonight **8.00** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988): The squad becomes involved with a gang of jewel thieves **9.40** At the Pictures: Cinema releases **10.00** The Man Who Broke 1,000 Chains (1987): Val Kilmer as a man, unjustly jailed, who makes a bid for freedom **12.00** Action Jackson (1988): A disgraced cop goes on the trail of the crook who set him up. With Carl Weathers **1.45am** C.H.U.D. (1984): The Cannibalistic Humanoid Underground Dwellers venture into New York's streets **4.00** The Boy in Blue (1986): Nicolas Cage as a bootlegger who becomes a world-class rower in the 1880s. Ends at **5.35am**

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One **8.30** Menu **9.00** Basketball **11.00** Football **1.00pm** WWF Superstars of Wrestling **2.00** World Championship of Motor Sport **3.00** Swimming: European Cup **4.00** Snooker: Benson & Hedges Masters **5.00** World Cup Nordic Skiing **6.00** 1989 Rodeo Showdown and Western Festival **7.00** Trans World Sport **8.00** Football **10.00** Boxing **12.00** Adventure Hour

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **10.30** At the Movies **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Club MTV **12.00** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Paul King **3.00** Non-Stop Pure Pop **4.00** 3 from 1 **4.15** Paul King **4.30** Coca-Cola Report **4.45** Paul King **5.00** Remote Control **5.30** Ray Cokes **7.30** Club MTV **8.00** At the Movies **8.30** US Top 20 **10.00** Coca-Cola Report **10.15** Maiken Wexo **1.00am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Boxing **8.30** US College Basketball **10.00** Ice Hockey **12.00** Spain Spain Sport **12.15pm** Motor Racing **2.15** Ice Hockey **4.15** Football **6.00** Tennis **7.30** Golf **9.30** Boxing **11.00** World Rally Championships **12.00** Powersports

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minute **10.01** Search for Tomorrow **10.30** Fashion File **10.35** Wok With Yan **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** Edge of Night **11.35** American Gameshows **12.50pm** What's New **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Skyways **2.40** Search for Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.10** Target: The Corrupters **4.05** Travel View **4.35** Lifestyle Plus **4.45** American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **11.25** International Squash **11.50-11.55** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.25** Omnibus: The Bull in Winter – the Last Years of Pablo Picasso **12.25am** Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **7.35-8.05** Dad's Army ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: **10.40am-11.00** Ulster in Focus

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** Anglia News **1.30-2.00** Sullivans **6.25-7.00** About Anglia **11.35** Pool **12.30am-1.30** Tour of Duty **2.00** Quiz Night **2.30** Hit Man and Her **3.30** Spanish Connection **4.35-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** Border News **1.30-2.00** It's a Vet's Life **2.30-3.00** Magic Wok **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Lookaround Wednesday **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **11.35** Forum Presents (Sara Vaughan) **12.35am** Night Heat **1.30** Donahue **2.30** 60 Minutes **3.25** Night Beat **4.25-5.00** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **6.25-7.00** News **11.35** Film: 10 to Midnight **1.30** Tour of Duty **2.25** Stories in the Night **2.55** Sportsworld **3.55-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coast to Coast People **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **11.35** Film: 10 to Midnight **1.25am** Highwayman **2.30** Chart Attack **3.30** Night Heat **4.30-5.00** William Tell.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** Grampian News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **2.30-3.00** Mary **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **11.35** The Sweeney **12.35am** Night Heat **1.30** Donahue **2.30** 60 Minutes **3.25** Live on Stage (Greg Allman Band) **4.25** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War **4.50-5.00** Felix the Cat

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight **10.35** Open Eye **11.05** Twilight Zone **11.35** Advertising Awards **12.35am** Night Heat **1.30** Donahue **2.30** 60 Minutes **3.25** Night Beat **4.25-5.00** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** News **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **11.35** Film: 10 to Midnight **1.30** Garrison's Gorillas **2.30** Donahue **3.30** America's Top Ten **3.55** Wrestling **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** Scotland Today **1.30-2.00** Chain Letters **2.30-3.00** Invitation to Remember (Sir Anthony Quayle) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Scottish Action on Racism **11.35** Film: 10 to Midnight **1.25am** Donahue **2.25** 60 Minutes **3.20** Night Beat **4.20** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** news **1.30-2.00** It's a Vet's Life **2.30-3.00** Santa Barbara **3.27-4.00** Home and Away **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Highway to Heaven **11.35** Advertising Awards **12.35am** Night Heat **1.30** Donahue **2.30** 60 Minutes **3.25** Night Beat **4.25-5.00** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coast to Coast People **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **11.35** Film: 10 to Midnight **1.25am** Highwayman **2.30** Chart Attack **3.30** Night Heat **4.30-5.00** William Tell.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** It's a Vet's Life **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **10.35** Crime Story **11.30** Advertising Awards **12.30am** Night Heat **1.25** Donahue **2.25** 60 Minutes **3.20** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **10.35** Sportsbeat **11.35** Advertising Awards **12.30am** Night heat **1.25** Donahue **2.25** 60 Minutes **3.20** Night Beat **4.20-5.00** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** It's a Vet's Life **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **11.35** Film: 10 to Midnight **1.25am** Hodson Confidential **1.55** Profiles (The Christians) **2.05** Quiz Night **2.35** Insight **3.00** Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol y Cwm **12.30** News **12.35** Ty Chwith **1.00** Streetwise **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Open College **2.30** Great Moghuls **3.00** Stamp of Greatness **3.30** Fragile Earth **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Mork and Mindy **5.30** Lone Ranger **6.00** News **6.15** SuperTed **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** Hel Straeon **7.30** Lefel Pedwar **8.00** Ffermio **8.30** News **8.55** Ar y Bocs **9.25** Film: Agatha **11.25** Brass **11.50** Great Wall of China **12.55am** Mel Lewis **2.00** Close.

RTE 1 Starts: **12.30pm** Check Up **1.00** News **1.30** Knot's Landing **2.30** Can you Avoid Cancer? **3.00** "Live" at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** A Family at War **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** No 1 **7.30** Wonder Years **8.00** Macgyver **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** This is Your Life **10.40** First Edition **11.10** Equalizer **12.00** News, Close.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.05** Amigo **3.20** Racoons **3.45** Skippy **4.10** Alias the Jester **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Worzel Gummidge **5.15** Don's Slot **5.25** Beachcombers **6.00** Jo Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.08** Cursai **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Champions **8.30** Freeze Frame **9.00** Golden Girls **9.30** thirtysomething **10.30** News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** After Henry **12.00** Close.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **4.30pm**, then at **7.30, 8.30** and **10.00pm**
5.00am Jakki Brambles **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary's Winter Warmers from Birmingham **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.30** News '90 **6.00** Mark Goodier **7.30** Peel at the Brits **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Bob Harris **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Alex Lester **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **8.30** Latin Quarter **9.05** Listen to the Band **10.00** Digance Does It . . . Sportingly **10.30** Thanks for the Memory **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin **5.35** News in German: Headlines in English and French **5.47** Sports News **5.50** Financial News **5.55** Weather and Travel News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Development '90 **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Business Matters **8.30** Jazz Score **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News; Sports Roundup **9.45** Images of Britain **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Country Style **11.30** Midi Magazine **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** Tales of a Dragon Watcher **12.25** The Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News **1.30** Development '90 **2.00** World News; Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: The Tree **2.45** Business Matters **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** The Literary North **3.30** Radio Active **4.00** World News **4.09** World About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Londres Soir **6.15** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German Features **7.54** Nachrichten **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Assignment **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** It's Not Only Rock 'n' Roll **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** Sportsworld Extra **11.10** Financial News **11.15** Good Books **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Radio Active **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Society Today **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Screenplay **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Albinoni (Oboe Concerto, Op 7 No 9: London Harpsichord Ensemble); Biber (Rosary Sonata No 14 in D: Susanne Lautenbacher, violin, Johannes Koch, viola da gamba, Rudolf Ewerhart, organ); Pisendel (Sinfonia in B flat: Virtuosi Saxoniae under Güttler)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Boccherini (Symphony in B flat, G 514: ECO under Faerber); Telemann (Quartet in G: Vienna Concentus Musicus under Harnoncourt); Schubert (Im Frühling; Die Vögel; Der Jüngling an der Quelle: Elly Ameling, soprano, Jorg Demus, piano); Haydn (Symphony No 22 "Philosopher": Austro-Hungarian Haydn Orchestra under Adam Fischer)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Grieg (With a Waterlily; A Swan: Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Edwin McArthur, piano; Incidental Music, Peer Gynt: Gothenburg SO under Neeme Järvi; Gosta Ohlin's Vocal Ensemble; Pro Musica Chamber Choir, with Barbara Bonney, soprano, Marianne Eklof, mezzo, Urban Malmberg and Carl Gustav Holmgren, baritones)
9.35 BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka, with Boris Belkin, violin, performs Prokofiev (Violin Concerto in G minor)
10.05 James Gibb performs Beethoven (32 Variations in C minor); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A, D 959) (r)
11.00 Midweek Choice with Susan Sharpe. Pachelbel (Canon and Gigue: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Bloch (Sacred Service Parts 4-5: LSO under Geoffrey Simon; Zemel Choir); Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto No 3: Paris Orchestra under Barenboim, with Itzhak Perlman, violin); Mozart (Ruhe Sanft "Zaide": Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner, with Felicity Lott); Paladi (String Quartet: Academica Quartet); Gounod (Judex "Mors et vita": RLPO under Groves); Kabalevsky (Piano Concerto No 3: Westphalian SO under Paul Freeman, with Robert Preston)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from the BBC Concert Hall, London. Albion Ensemble, with David Owen Norris, piano, performs Nielsen (Wind Quintet); Poulenc (Sextet)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years: Scandinavian Season. Aksel Schiötz, tenor, Gerald Moore, piano, perform Nielsen (Den milde dag er lys og lang); Grieg (Forårsregn); Schubert (Halt!; Eifersucht under Stolz); Schumann (Dichterliebe); Brahms (Wir wandelten; Ständchen; Sonntag)
4.00 Choral Vespers: Live from Clifton Cathedral, Bristol
5.00 Hardanger Fiddle: Scandinavian Season. Some of the great players of this instrument from Norway's west coast, including dance tunes and solos, are introduced by William Robson
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Brian Kay
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear in Scandinavia: Scandinavian Season. Robert Hewison in conversation with people who make decisions on arts policy in the Nordic countries
7.30 Der Freischütz: French National Radio New PO under Marek Janowski; Paris Theatre Musica Chorus perform Weber's romantic opera of 1821, in which a huntsman sells his soul to the devil. With Paul Frey, tenor, Richard Cowan, bass, Cheryl Studer, soprano, Janet Perry, soprano, Scott Reeve, tenor, Rainer Buese, baritone, Siegfried Vogel, bass
9.50 Boats Come Back to Harbour: A poem by Patrick Howarth, with music by Peter Cork. Read by Zelah Clarke and Anthony Quayle
10.05 The Spirit of the Dance: Skip Sempé, harpsichord, performs dances and character pieces by Chambonnières and three of his successors, D'Anglebert, Louis Couperin and Forqueray
10.40 The Wise Woman: Scandinavian Season (see Choice)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Shostakovich — Propagandist! "Dresden Liberated" from the film *Five Days — Five Nights*; The Execution of Stenka Rasin; October (r)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

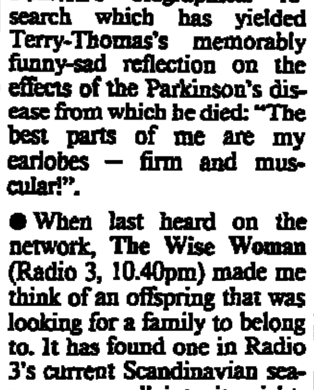
LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, with Sue MacGregor and Brian Redhead, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time from Hertfordshire (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Mummy to the Rescue, by Angus Wilson. Read by Margaret Robertson
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; The Wednesday Feature: A Winning Hand. A profile of the Russian pianist Benno Moiseiwitsch to celebrate the centenary of his birth. With reminiscences from his family and friends and BBC Sound Archive recordings of the man himself (s).
11.47 Pet Subjects (new series): Fergus Keeling meets those who have a passion for certain animals, including Ann Webb who knows her 80 spiders personally and is one of the country's experts
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm Strictly T-T: An appreciation of Terry-Thomas, presented by Ian Carmichael (see Choice) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Presented by Jenni Murray. Includes a feature on the pros and cons of being tall; and a discussion on the trauma of miscarriage
3.00 News; A Match: Play by Tony Whittaker. The annual football match between boys and staff is the catalyst for Angus, a middle-aged PE teacher, who is having trouble keeping up with his pupils or putting up with his colleagues. With Malcolm Raeburn as Angus (s)
3.47 Time for Verse: In the third of five programmes, Alexis Lickyard interviews poet Kit Wright about his life and poetry (s)
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4 with reporter Robin Lustig (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: A profile of Russian composer Alfred Schnittke. With contributions from Uri Basmet, Gerald Larner and Oliver Knussen (s)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: Chaired by Louis Allen and Gordon Clough (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts with John Waite
7.45 Medicine Now with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Age to Age (new series): Barry Cunliffe looks at three men who have profoundly influenced the Soviet Union in the 20th century (r)
8.45 Will You Still Love Me?: Over-sixties from around Britain talk frankly about love and relationships among the older generation
9.15 Kaleidoscope: John Fordham reviews trumpeter Miles Davis's book *Miles: An Autobiography*; Philip Brady on *When We Dead Awaken* at the Almeida Theatre; and Nigel Floyd with a roundup of film releases, including *Cinema Paradiso*, *Leningrad Cowboys Go America* and *Hamlet Goes Business* (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: Sick Heart River, by John Buchan (3/10)
11.00 Who'd Have Thought It?: In the first of two programmes, Jeremy Nicholas presents a selection of unusual, unexpected and eccentric recordings (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as LW except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools (s) **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00** For Schools (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10** Open University: **11.30** Mathematics Miscellany: a General Interest Magazine **11.50** Arts: Lord Briggs on History **12.30-1.10am** Night School

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● **Strictly T-T** (Radio 4, 12.25pm) will serve very nicely as an interim report on Terry-Thomas's contribution to screen comedy. But there is clearly much more to be said about the evolution of this nonpareil among cads than the brief film excerpts we hear today, linked by the jokey recollections of Ian Carmichael and Eric Sykes and



Terry-Thomas: nonpareil among cads (R4, 12.25pm)

strengthened by Michael Pointon's biographical research which has yielded Terry-Thomas's memorably funny-sad reflection on the effects of the Parkinson's disease from which he died: "The best parts of me are my earlobes — firm and muscular!".

● When last heard on the network, **The Wise Woman** (Radio 3, 10.40pm) made me think of an offspring that was looking for a family to belong to. It has found one in Radio 3's current Scandinavian season, now well into its eight-week stride. I won't pretend that Maureen Thomas's setting of an Old Norse poem about the creation of the world makes easy listening, but take my word for it: a little patience will bring rich rewards. Its six readers include Diana Quick (as the Wise Woman), which is reason enough for you to tune in tonight.

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Synod anger on leaked report

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Editor

An emergency debate concerning a confidential church report on homosexuality was demanded when the General Synod met in London yesterday.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, who are joint Presidents of the Synod, are expected to reply today.

The Rev David Holloway, vicar of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, and a member of the Synod's standing committee, said certain recent events, had caused "distress, anger and confusion". The leaking of the homosexuality report, commissioned four years ago by the House of Bishops, was "a matter of the greatest urgency".

Mr Holloway said: "I was shocked that this was leaked. I was more shocked by what I read. Here was a report that contradicted the clear decision of this Synod and the resolution of the Lambeth Conference, yet our own bishops have not disowned it."

The appendix to the leaked report suggested that only a third of the bishops held the traditional biblical view of homosexual relations. Although most bishops, it was suggested, would decline to ordain practising homosexuals, "presumably some would. We need reassurance," Mr Holloway said.

He asked for leave to move an emergency motion which would refer these matters to the House of Bishops, which would have to report to the Synod by the summer. He said the bishops should consider the forthcoming change in leadership of the Church of England, with the retirement of the Archbishop of Canterbury due by October, 1991, and the Bishop of London by May, 1991.

He said the bishops should consider how they could "help the Crown Appointments Commission and the Prime Minister" to ensure that the two appointments were loyal to the Apostolic Faith, "including the uniqueness and finality of Jesus Christ, together with his virginal conception and empty tomb, and can uphold basic Christian sexual morality as taught in the Scriptures and the clear tradition of the church".

The report has not been published officially, but Granada Television published much of it two weeks ago.

The General Synod confirmed it's determination to raise £18 million for urban projects, of which £13 million had already been collected or pledged. Miss Jill Dann, a member of the Synod's standing committee and a trustee of the fund, said the last £5 million would be the most difficult.

A piece of vanishing history

Sightseers were running out of time at the Berlin Wall yesterday as East German bulldozers continued to tear down the hated symbol of communism. Some souvenir-hunters had brought ladders to the most famous stretch near the Brandenburg Gate (top and above) but for the most part tourists wandered across the frontier, apparently oblivious of the history disappearing in front of their eyes. One young lad (left), however, struggled off happily with a chunk that could prove a valuable investment. The East Germans say they are demolishing this section because the souvenir-hunters, or "woodpeckers" have made it unsafe. The flimsy replacement barriers are largely ignored.

Political sketch

Will the ending be happy ever after?

When, asked Neil Kinnock yesterday, would Mrs Thatcher see that "this whole arrangement was a fairy tale from the start?"

He was talking about the community charge. The Fairy herself stood there, shimmering a little. She had left her wand at No 10, in favour of more simple ornaments: green jade buttons and a gold brooch. Knocking 'em cold in green and gold.

She had a rather *un*fairy-like yell at Mr Kinnock and he had a yell back — but I'm afraid I cannot report the details as talk of "fairy tales" set me daydreaming. Which tale did Mr Kinnock have in mind? I think I know.

Once upon a time, children, there was a place called Hamelin in Germany. It was "twinned" with somewhere called Westminster.

And, in this place, they had a terrible problem. An infestation of rates. Rates were everywhere: huge rates: rates with sharp teeth, running around, slinking under people's doors and through their letter-boxes and ruining everybody's lives. The citizens were desperate. They begged their leaders to get rid of the rates; but the problem was, nobody could think how.

Then a man called Mr Baker with silver hair and a big smile came forward. He wore enormously wide ties and they called him the Wide-Tied Baker of Hamelin.

"I know a way of eradicating rates" he said. "Trust me.

"But if I do this, I want you to reward me. I want to be the next Leader of Hamelin."

Not *everybody* did quite trust the Wide-Tied Baker but they were frantically keen to get rid of the rates: so they agreed to let him try.

He was as good as his word. He passed a law, saying that *"from 1 April, all the rates are abolished"* and — hey presto! — they were.

But it was at about this time that the Wide-Tied Baker noticed that the people were unlikely to make him Leader. Frankly, the elders were not giving him the nod. Younger citizens were pointing at him and snickering about some of his other schemes, like Student Loans, GCSE and the National Core Curriculum.

And, though he continued to smile, the Wide-Tied Baker grew rather impatient and slightly bitter, for he was a clever man and had really meant well, underneath. Yet there was no sign that the present Leader was planning to retire and no sign that, when that day came, Baker would be the favoured one.

And a very evil idea came to him. He called everyone together. "With the rates gone" he announced, I'll take you all somewhere really fantastic. It's a magical mystery tour to the Polltax Mountains. Not an easy journey but it'll be great when you get there; and, to lead you, my young friend Christopher Patten will dance ahead and play sweet music all the way. You'll love it, honestly."

At this, young Christopher looked a bit nervous as he wasn't at all sure he knew the way, or that people would like it when they got there. But the Leader of Hamelin told him it was his duty.

In fact, the Leader had her doubts too — she always had. She hadn't minded the rates as much as the others and had never been convinced that it was wise to ask the Wide-Tied Baker to exterminate them in the first place. But it was too late now. Besides (she thought) if she had to go to this Polltax place, she was damn sure young Christopher was coming too. Who knows, if it turned out badly, they might blame him instead of her.

And off they all set. The Wide-Tied Baker had detached himself a little, now, from the throng and sat on a rock at 32 Smith Square, watching them stumble towards the horizon. A thin smile played upon his lips. "Have fun!" he called.

As night falls, and they still don't seem to be getting anywhere, and the ground grows stonier, the path steeper, and the wind colder, cries of distress fill the air. Yet still they stumble forward...

Children, there is a logical flaw in the plot of this story. Can you spot it? Yes — correct, David Wilshire. *The people didn't have to go to the Polltax Mountains in the first place. They still don't. They could just turn round and go home again.*

Do you think they will?

Matthew Parris

Thatcher blames high poll tax on councils

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biggest spenders will have their proposed community charges "capped", if necessary being forced to give their poll tax payers refunds later.

As a further discipline, Mrs Thatcher disclosed, the Government intends once community charges are set to "mark the card" for local government voters. It will publish a list showing what the rate increase under the old system would have been in each area set alongside the new community charge level.

That way, ministers believe, people will see who is responsible for the high level of tax imposed and will be able to punish them in the ballot box.

Ministers are convinced that local authorities are cynically pushing up expenditure levels because they believe that the poll tax levels will be blamed on the Government, which is introducing the tax.

Downing Street has noted that county spending rose 15 per cent and 18 per cent in the previous post-election years.

Poll tax levels are increasing sharply over rates bills because local authorities which choose to spend above the levels allowed for by the Government cannot any longer recoup any of the extra from the business community, which now has its local government tax fixed at a uniform rate.

Britain defies EC on sanctions

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comprehensive sanctions. If it had done so, the hardline right might now be in power in South Africa, and Mr Nelson Mandela still in prison.

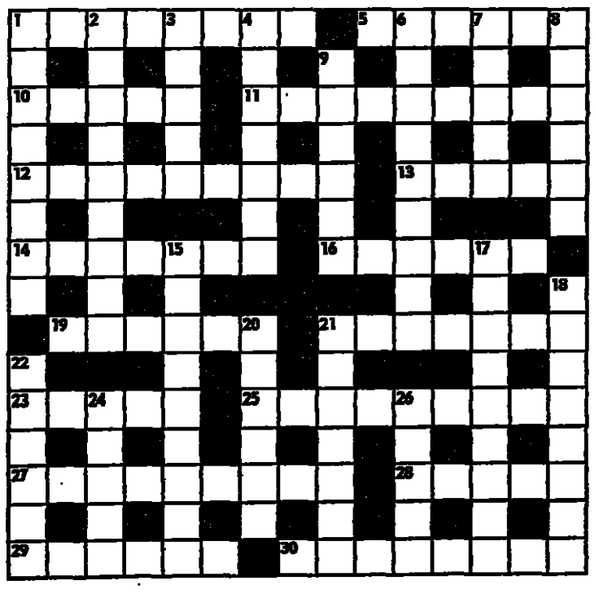
Mr Hurd said he would have greatly preferred agreement. But he could not accept the condition that all political prisoners must first be released, because of the difficulty of definition.

Britain did not support the lifting of all sanctions, he said, and would honour the ban on sporting links.

Mr Hurd also noted, cuttingly, that while investment from Britain in South Africa had fallen since the 1986 ban, German investment had increased. South African exports to the EC went up 35 per cent between 1985 and 1988.

● LONDON: There was cautious welcome in British business circles to Mr Hurd's statement last night, though analysts said it would not yet mean a flood of new investment into South Africa (Colin Campbell writes).

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,223



ACROSS

1 It's polite to provide notes before arrival (8).
5 Schoolboy fetched a sort of rissole (6).
10 St Albans embargo holds firm (5).
11 Girl has a new fellow, a historian (9).
12 Breathe out, at last showing a sign of life (9).
13 Aim for the hole: O boy, what a beauty! (5).
14 Don't relax, having drunk a measure (7).
16 Rough indulged in horseplay (6).
19 Boy finally obtains desires (6).
21 Is to phone back on the motorway when lost (7).
23 Bell island? (5)
25 How the Walrus kept secrets from the Carpenter? (5,4).
27 I will proceed to get clear return, by illegal means (3-6).
28 Decoration of some beds (5).
29 Make a packet out of a way to inhibit pain (6).
30 May dread being upset, but it's not likely to happen really (3-5).

DOWN

1 Quail, hair having lost its colour (3-5).
2 Land of luxury, sounds addictive (9).
3 Painter is late rising (5).
4 Joshua's dad embraces the Egyptian Queen — there's strong attraction here (7).
6 As a group, move to imprison leader of European court (9).
7 You have to follow up character who never appeared (5).
8 Cheap metal trophy is worthless (6).
9 Make the top, using rope (6).
15 Wader sets course for Northumberland (9).
17 Able to walk and talk: tell me more! (9).
18 Throw out demand of the French to be inside annexe (8).
20 Allure concealed by monotonous fabric (6).
21 Ferdinand's girl gets letters from Irma (7).
22 Spirit declared to customs by Wilde (6).
24 Time for some Schubert (5).
26 Quadruped from the Orient? (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 18,222

Concise Crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ADESPOTA
a. A bachelor
b. Anonymous literary works
c. A freed female slave

GLENOID
a. Socket-shaped
b. Laying brown eggs
c. Mountainous

SOLIPED
a. A lone walker
b. With uncloven hooves
c. A one-wheeled bicycle

KLUTZ
a. Self pity
b. A clumsy person
c. A turn at skiing

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

North-west Britain will have a rather cold, windy, showery start with snow over some Scottish hills. There should then be a fine, dry interlude. Over Scotland and Northern Ireland it will cloud over again later, with occasional rain and drizzle. South-east Britain will be milder. It will be mostly dry, except in the south-east where a little rain is likely early on. Outlook: Generally mild.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	15	59	c
Akrotiri	15	59	f	Malaga	15	59	fg
Alex'dria	16	61	c	Malta	17	63	s
Algiers	18	64	f	Melb'rne	25	77	s
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Mexico C*	19	66	f
Athens	18	64	s	Miami*	27	81	f
Bahrain	20	68	s	Milan	13	55	s
Barbados*	28	82	r	Montreal*	2	36	sn
Barcelna	16	61	f	Moscow	-5	23	f
Belgrade	15	59	s	Munich	15	59	s
Berlin	14	57	c	Nairobi	21	70	r
Bermuda*	21	70	f	Naples	17	63	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	N Delhi	19	66	s
Borde'x	18	64	s	N York*	10	50	f
Brussels	17	63	s	Nice	16	61	s
Budapst	12	54	s	Oslo	8	46	c
B Aires*	25	77	s	Paris	15	59	s
Cairo	17	63	s	Peking	1	34	fg
Cape Tn	18	64	r	Perth	28	82	s
C'blanca	16	61	f	Prague	15	59	s
Chicago*	-2	28	s	Reykjvik	0	32	sn
Ch'church	19	66	s	Rhodes	17	63	s
Cologne	16	61	c	Rio de J	26	79	f
C'phagn	10	50	c	Riyadh	17	63	s
Corfu	19	66	s	Rome	16	61	s
Dublin	11	52	c	Salzburg	15	59	s
Dubrovnik	16	61	s	S F'risco*	8	46	s
Faro	19	66	s	Santiago*	22	72	c
Florence	16	61	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	15	59	s	Seoul	5	41	c
Funchal	19	66	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	13	55	s	St'kholm	10	50	c
Gibraltar	17	63	c	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Helsinki	4	39	c	Sydney	26	79	s
Hong K	-	-	-	Tangier	19	66	s
Innsbrck	9	48	s	Tel Aviv	14	57	f
Istanbul	9	48	f	Tenerife	28	82	s
Jeddah	26	79	s	Tokyo	16	61	r
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Toronto*	-2	28	f
Karachi	24	75	s	Tunis	18	64	f
L Palmas	27	81	s	Valencia	14	57	c
Le Tquet	15	59	c	Vanc'ver*	-1	30	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Venice	11	52	s
Locarno	12	54	s	Vienna	11	52	s
L Angels*	10	50	s	Warsaw	11	52	c
Luxembg	14	57	f	Wash'ton*	16	61	f
Lisbon	20	68	s	Wellngton	19	66	c
Madrid	14	57	f	Zurich	13	55	s

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.07	13	55	shower
Cromer	0.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Southend	0.8	-	14	57	cloudy
Folkestone	1.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Brighton	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Bognor R	0.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Weymouth	-	.07	12	54	drizzle
Exmouth	0.1	.04	13	55	drizzle
Torquay	-	.06	13	55	drizzle
Penzance	-	.08	12	54	drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	.11	12	54	drizzle
Jersey	2.1	-	15	59	sunny
Guernsey	2.9	-	16	61	bright
St. Ives	-	.16	12	54	rain
Minehead	0.7	.05	14	57	drizzle
B'pool Airpt	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Morecambe	-	.11	12	54	rain
Douglas	-	.06	9	48	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	-	.01	14	57	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.7	.11	14	57	rain
Buxton	-	.29	11	52	rain
Leeds	-	.01	14	57	rain
London	0.1	.01	14	57	drizzle
Manchester	-	-	13	55	cloudy
N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.7	.04	12	54	cloudy
Nottingham	0.3	.06	15	59	rain
Anglesey	-	.02	10	50	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.06	12	54	rain
Colwyn Bay	2.8	.06	13	55	bright
Tenby	-	.12	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	7.0	.01	12	54	sunny
Aviemore	2.9	.37	7	45	shower
Edinburgh	1.5	.09	11	52	rain
Glasgow	0.6	.15	10	50	shower
Kinloss	4.5	.03	10	50	bright
Lerwick	3.8	.20	8	46	hail
Prestwick	0.3	.04	10	50	shower
Stornoway	2.6	.55	7	45	hail
Tiree	2.9	.15	8	46	shower
Wick	6.0	.06	9	48	sunny
Belfast	1.7	.02	9	48	shower

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Humidity: 6 pm, 81 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,017.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Linton-on-Ouse, North Yorkshire, Aughton, Lancashire, and Shawbury, Salop, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 6C (46F); highest rainfall: Morecambe, Lancashire, 1.39 in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 4.3 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.15 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.8 hr.

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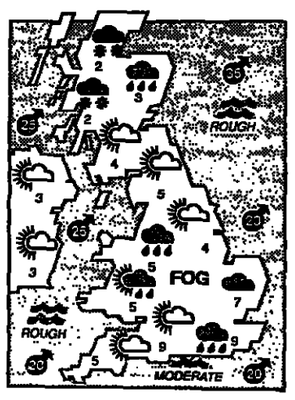

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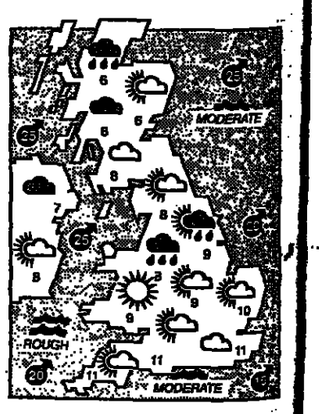

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.26 pm to 7.01 am
Bristol 5.36 pm to 7.11 am
Edinburgh 5.29 pm to 7.22 am
Manchester 5.31 pm to 7.13 am
Penzance 5.50 pm to 7.20 am

Sun rises: 7.03 am
Sun sets: 5.26 pm
Moon rises 5.18 am
Moon sets 12.34 pm
New Moon February 25

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	8	46c	Guernsey	12	54f
B'ngham	14	57c	Inverness	7	45c
Blackpool	10	50c	Jersey	13	55c
Bristol	14	57r	London	14	57c
Cardiff	13	55r	M'nchster	12	54c
Edinburgh	9	48c	Newcastle	11	52r
Glasgow	8	46c	R'aldsway	9	48r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.24	5.3	10.49	5.5	Liverpool	8.13	7.2	8.51	7.3
Aberdeen	10.23	3.3	11.13	3.4	Lowestoft	6.28	1.9	6.26	2.0
Avonmouth	3.38	9.2	4.13	9.6	Margate	8.54	3.6	9.14	3.8
Belfast	7.57	2.9	8.29	2.8	Milford Haven	3.07	5.1	3.41	5.1
Cardiff	3.23	8.7	3.58	9.0	Newquay	2.04	5.2	2.37	5.2
Devonport	2.01	4.3	2.47	4.3	Oban	3.24	3.1	3.58	3.0
Dover	8.06	5.0	8.40	5.2	Penzance	1.13	4.3	1.55	4.3
Falmouth	1.31	4.1	2.17	4.1	Portland	2.46	1.4	3.52	1.3
Glasgow	9.56	3.7	10.07	3.6	Portsmouth	8.06	3.6	8.51	3.6
Harwich	8.36	2.9	8.58	3.0	Shoreham	8.01	4.7	8.47	4.3
Holyhead	7.33	4.4	8.13	4.3	Southampton	7.46	3.6	8.43	3.7
Hull	3.07	5.5	3.27	5.6	Swansea	2.58	7.0	3.32	7.1
Ilfracombe	2.46	8.6	3.21	8.8	Tees	12.29	4.0	12.52	4.3
King's Lynn	3.19	4.5	3.38	4.6	W'ton-on-Nze	8.32	3.1	8.58	3.2
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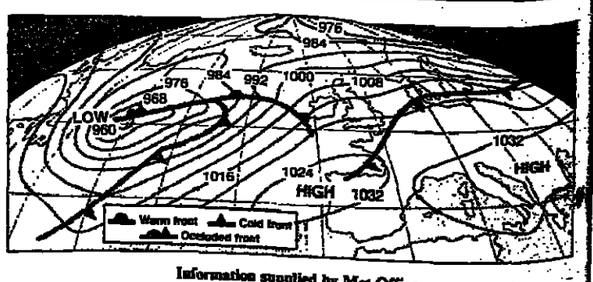

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David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7045 (+0.0010)

W German mark
2.8567 (+0.0016)

Exchange index
90.0 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1799.0 (–14.5)

FT-SE 100
2277.0 (–20.1)

USM (Datastream)
153.54 (–1.03)

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Blue Arrow rights talks

UBS-Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker involved with County NatWest in the £837 million Blue Arrow rights issue, has reopened talks with disgruntled London institutions concerning possible compensation.

Campari falls

Pre-tax profits at Campari International, the leisurewear group, fell from £4.76 million to £4.15 million for the year ended November 30. The final dividend is 8p (6.5p), making 10p (8.5p). Tempus, page 26

Cityvision up

Cityvision's pre-tax profits rose from £5.43 million to £12.5 million in the year to end-November. A 0.5p final dividend makes a 0.75p, up 50 per cent. Tempus, page 26

Coloroll stake

Mercurius Gruppen, the Swedish investment group, has taken a 5.03 per cent stake in Coloroll.

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2591.67 (–43.92)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 36895.52 (–327.08)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2980.90 (+12.90)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 107.4 (–1.7)
Sydney: AO ..... 1630.4 (–15.5)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1823.81 (–45.38)
Brussels:
General ..... 5822.20 (–100.47)
Paris: CAC ..... 499.79 (–7.29)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 611.9 (–5.6)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 1137.40 (–9.65)
FT.– "500" ..... 1239.27 (–11.60)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 307.0 (+4.4)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 90.75 (–0.09)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 79.87 (–0.02)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
A & C Black ..... 425p (+30p)
Batleys ..... 161½p (+14p)

FALLS:
Body Shop ..... 565p (–10p)
Wolstenholme Rink . 292½p (–10p)
Commercial Union ..... 490p (–14p)
Unidare ..... 320p (–40p)
Unilever ..... 635½p (–11p)
Davies & Newman ..... 605p (–20p)
Ross ..... 144½p (–13p)
Cable & Wireless ..... 533½p (–11p)
Borland ..... 715p (–23p)
Candover ..... 227½p (–10p)
Photo-Me ..... 330p (–13p)
Rank Org ..... 778½p (–10p)
Eastern Produce ..... 347½p (–10p)
News Corp ..... 485p (–18p)
Thomson Corp ..... 765p (–10p)
Burmah ..... 642½p (–10p)
A McAlpine ..... 345p (–13p)
Tarmac ..... 217½p (–10p)
Closing prices
Bargains 23059
SEAQ Volume 377.4m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15 5/32-15 3/32%
3-month eligible bills: 14 9/16-14½%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 3/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.79-7.78%*
30-year bonds 98½-98 9/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7045	£: $1.7040*
£: DM2.8567	$: DM1.6745*
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£: FFr9.7156	$: FFr5.6880*
£: Yen247.92	$: Yen145.39*
£: Index:90.0	$: Index:67.0
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£: ECU1.398558	£: SDRn/a

GOLD

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New York:
Comex $419.00-419.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr) ..... $19.55 bbl ($19.60)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.378	2.78
Austria Sch	20.90	19.70
Belgium Fr	62.65	58.75
Canada $	2.115	2.015
Denmark Kr	11.43	10.83
Finland Mkk	7.05	6.65
France Fr	10.11	9.51
Germany Dm	2.98	2.80
Greece Dr	282.50	266.50
Hong Kong $	13.96	13.06
Ireland Pt	1.13	1.06
Italy Lira	2215	2085
Japan Yen	262	246
Netherlands Gld	3.34	3.16
Norway Kr	11.51	10.85
Portugal Esc	264	248
South Africa Rd	4.65	4.25
Spain Pta	191	179
Sweden Kr	10.98	10.32
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.48
Turkey Lira	4525	3925
USA $	1.785	1.685
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	refer

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 119.5 (January)

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Announcement comes after shares are halted at 34p

Mirman prepares to call in administrators at Sock Shop

By Michael Tate
Deputy City Editor

Miss Sophie Mirman will seek to place the running of Sock Shop in the hands of the accountants this morning. She and her board will ask the Companies Court to appoint administrators to the company in the belief "it will ensure the survival of Sock Shop as a going concern."

A statement said the move would "lead to the approval of voluntary arrangements with creditors and shareholders to secure a re-financing. In the view of the directors, the long-term viability of Sock Shop will be best preserved by this course of action."

Miss Mirman, who with Mr Richard Ross, her husband, founded the company and control 81 per cent of the share capital, said: "I am confident that the Sock Shop concept will survive. We have an exciting new series of products for the 1990s, and enjoy strong consumer support."

Trading in Sock Shop shares had been halted earlier in the day.

The company asked for a temporary suspension of dealings "pending a further announcement." They were last traded at 34p, valuing the business at £7.48 million. On May 14, 1987, the day the shares were first traded, the company had been valued at £63.75 million – 290p a share. It had been one of the most spectacular share issues ever, with the public subscribing 53 times over. By the following August, it had peaked at £71.5 million, or 325p.

Sock Shop confirmed just after Christmas that it was attempting to put together a refinancing package, after sinking heavily into the red. It is thought to have been looking for a new equity partner since last summer, when it first became clear that the business was running into problems.

Earlier this month, Miss Mirman, who is chairman and joint managing director, disclosed just how serious these were when she unveiled an interim pre-tax loss of £3.97 million and confirmed that the group's net assets were worth less than half its called share capital of £1.1 million.

It also gave warning that it expected to write off £4.8 million on its disastrous 17-branch US operation.

The pre-tax loss was blamed on a series of events including the unusually hot summer, rail strikes which affected revenue at shops near stations, a rise in interest rates and a failed attempt to establish the company in the US.

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The downturn in trading has made it impossible to service the group's £16 million of borrowings.

The Companies Court is a creation of the 1986 Companies Act and a request for the appointment of administrators is seen as a rough equivalent of a filing for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the US. It enables a troubled business to keep its creditors temporarily at bay while refinancing plans are pursued.

The proposed administrators are Mr Peter DeBuisson and Mr Phillip Sykes, of BDO Binder Hamlyn. Their appointment, the statement said, had the support of Barclays Bank, the company's bankers.

Miss Mirman, who is still only 33, began her career at Marks and Spencer, starting in the typing pool and ending up as secretary to Lord Sieff, who was later to join the Sock Shop board as a non-executive director. He resigned only last December after major surgery.

While still only 24, Miss Mirman was headhunted in 1981 to help start Tie Rack, and it was there that she met Mr Ross. Frustrated by the owners' reluctance to allow them any equity involvement, they left 18 months later to form Sock Shop, a concept generally attributed to Miss Mirman.

Today, Sock Shop runs a chain of 109 outlets in Britain.

Mirman: 'concept to survive'

Debt-hit NatWest slumps by £1bn

JAMES GRAY

Smiling through: Lord Alexander says that NatWest's tough decisions on debt provisions offer a platform for progress

By Neil Bennett

National Westminster Bank, Britain's largest high street bank, saw its pre-tax profits slump by more than £1 billion to £404 million in 1989 after having to make a further £990 million provision against Third World debts.

The bank also made a £50 million provision to cover the costs of compensating investors in Blue Arrow, the employment services group, and the legal fees of two of its securities companies, which face criminal charges over the 1987 Blue Arrow rights issue.

The bank also announced plans for up to 11,000 job losses in the next three years to cut costs. Mr Robert Flemington, head of UK financial services, pledged, however, that there would be no redundancies. The bank has pinpointed administrative savings of £200 million a year in its branches.

Profits at NatWest fell 71 per cent to £404 million after setting aside £1.44 billion for bad debts. As well as Third World provisions, it has more than doubled normal provisions to £445 million in expectation of extra business failures and bankruptcies arising from high interest rates.

NatWest said that three-quarters of its Third World debt was now provided for, and the rest was equivalent to only 7 per cent of shareholders' funds. The bank is also selling much of its Third World debt on secondary markets, some for as little as 15p in the pound. Third World exposure fell by £740 million to £1.76 billion, and the bank has continued to sell debts this year.

The final dividend is being raised to 11.38p, making the year's total 16.7p, an 18 per cent increase which was higher than forecast in the City.

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NatWest shares rose 8p to 341p on news of the dividend and the higher-than-expected provisions. "It is a good performance," said Mr David Poutney, an analyst at James Capel, the broker. "Natwest is placed now to take advantage when interest rates fall."

Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman, said: "We have taken some hard decisions." They were "a platform for further progress". The increased dividend showed "confidence in the underlying strength of the business".

However, 1990 would bring "difficult economic conditions".

Dow falls 40 points on Fed caution

From James Bone and Susan Ellicott

Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, has expressed cautious optimism that the US economy is over the worst danger of slipping into recession but said inflation remained a prime concern.

Nervous stock and bond markets drew the conclusion that further reductions in interest rates had been postponed almost out of sight. Dealers also expressed concern about higher interest rates abroad and lower-than-expected corporate earnings in the fourth quarter of last year.

By mid-afternoon, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 42.80 points at 2,592.79. US bond prices were sharply lower, with yields on long-term Treasury bonds rising to 8.63 per cent.

Also contributing to the market decline was the quarterly review of corporate earnings by the *Wall Street Journal*, which showed that net income of 631 corporations fell 14 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1989 from a year earlier, compared with an 18 per cent drop in the third quarter.

Mr Greenspan reinforced the market's view that the Fed was unlikely to lower interest rates soon by saying the US economy had passed the danger point for an imminent recession and should continue modest growth for the rest of the year.

He told the House Banking Committee in the Fed's semi-annual report to Congress: "While we cannot be certain that we are as yet out of the recessionary woods, such evidence warrants at least guarded optimism."

Mr Greenspan said the governors of the US central bank and presidents of the eight regional reserve banks predict "continued moderate economic expansion over 1990, consistent with conditions that will foster progress toward price stability over time." He added that the Fed's 1 per cent lower targets for money supply growth – 3 to 7 per cent for M2 and 2.5 to 6.5 per cent for M3 – would help.

Mr Greenspan's testimony did not surprise economists, who consider that the Fed has achieved its goal of slowing the US economy sufficiently to dampen inflation.

The Fed's policy-making Federal Open Market Committee said it expects America's GNP to grow between 1.75 per cent and 2 per cent in fiscal 1990.

VPI warns of interim profit dive

By Martin Waller

Shares of VPI Group, the public relations group formerly known as Valin Pollen, dropped 10p to 26p after Mr Angus Maitland, chairman and chief executive, told the annual meeting that figures for the first half to end-March would be substantially down on the £1.43 million before tax in the second half last year. In fact, indications were that VPI would do littl better than break even.

The shares, 273p ahead of the 1987 market crash, slipped to less than 60p last month as pre-tax profits for the year to September fell from £14.1 million to £6.5 million.

Asked if profits could be expected in the first half, Mr Maitland said: "We have not talked about profits, we have talked about results." Mr Neil Blackley, analyst at James Capel, was expecting £2.4 million for the year.

Growth in bank lending and money supply slows

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Growth in the money supply and bank lending fell last month, providing Mr John Major, the Chancellor, with better news from the financial sector in the run-up to the Budget.

At the same time the Central Statistical Office reported a fall in manufacturers' stocks during the fourth quarter of last year, suggesting a flexible response by industry to the fall in demand.

The narrow measure of the money supply, M0, fell last month by 0.2 per cent, bringing down the year-on-year rate of growth from 6 per cent to 5.8 per cent seasonally adjusted.

This is still well outside the target range of 1-5 per cent for the financial year 1989-90. The broad measure, M4, rose by 18.2 per cent in the year to January compared with 18.1 per cent in the year to December.

Bank and building society lending on the M4 definition rose by £5.8 billion compared with an increase of £10.5 billion the previous month when the figures were distorted by end-quarter interest debiting. The rise compares with a monthly average for the past six months of £7.8 billion.

Analysis of lending by the clearing banks, which forms part of the total increase in M4 lending, shows that virtually the whole of the increase in clearing bank advances was to companies.

Raw figures not seasonally adjusted show a rise of just £23 million in lending to persons compared with an increase of £283 million in January last year.

Lending for house purchase fell by £7 million. This was more than accounted for by a repayment of £58 million of bridging finance, but it compares with an increase in January last year of £299 million.

Mr Peter Spencer, of Shearson Lehman Hutton, said: "M0 seems to have bounced back up a bit in February. But the figures show policy is not only hurting but working."

Stockbuilding by manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers fell in the fourth quarter by £219 million at 1985 prices and seasonally adjusted. This compares with a rise of £348 million in the previous quarter.

Manufacturers cut their stocks by £229 million after a rise of £298 million the previous quarter, and the ratio of stocks to output fell from 82.7 to 82.1.

Anger as bid target refers discovery to Panel as well as police

'Bug' found in Laing Properties office

By Matthew Bond

A dispute broke out in the City last night after the discovery of an electronic listening device in the offices of a company which is the subject of a £440 million takeover bid from a consortium led by Sir Jeffrey Sterling, the chairman of P&O.

Laing Properties discovered the "bug" in the offices of a senior executive over the weekend. Its brief announcement to the Stock Exchange indicated just how far the world of espionage has infiltrated corporate life, by revealing that the offices had been searched only two months ago.

Police were investigating the discovery at the company's headquarters in Watford, Hertfordshire. But back in the West End, there was anger because the Laing directors had also referred the matter to the Takeover Panel, the body that polices City takeover battles.

P&O, the shipping company, is making the bid in partnership with Chelsfield, the private company run by Mr Elliott Bernerd. The companies clearly resented the implication that they might have planted the bug.

Mr Peter Thomas, a P&O director, said: "The form of the announcement by Laing Properties, with its unfortunate reference to the Takeover Panel and without any prior consultation with us, is wholly mischievous.

"We obviously deplore the fact that a device had been planted and we take it that Mr Chilver [Laing's chairman] has demanded a full police investigation."

In the City, there was widespread speculation about who might have planted the listening device. A Stock Exchange inquiry has already been mounted into dealings in Laing's shares ahead of the takeover bid being annouced, but to take advantage of advance information, any unscrupulous share dealer would have done better to bug the P&O offices.

Over the last few years, electronic bugging has become an almost everday part of corporate life. Bugging equipment is freely available in shops, with the result that most big companies, together with their legal and banking advisers, now make regular sweeps of sensitive offices.

A Takeover Panel spokesman agreed that the bugging was more a matter for the police than for the Panel.

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Owners Abroad takes off in style

Last year two UK charter airlines collapsed and the press was full of stories about a sharp contraction in the package tour market.

Yet Owners Abroad, which wholesales aircraft seats, operates tours and runs an airline, has managed a 39 per cent rise in profits to £13.4 million and a 15 per cent increase in earnings to 8.89p for 1989.

Confused? Well so is most of the travel trade. Mr Howard Klein, chairman, points out that 1989 was in fact a record year for package tours, despite claims to the contrary. The number of UK holidaymakers travelling abroad by air actually rose a million to 12.5 million and Owners took more than its share of the rise.

One of the building blocks behind the company's sterling performance was Thomson's acquisition of Horizon in 1988. Last year was the first in which the market leaders, Thomson and Intasun, pursued margins rather than volume.

They deliberately trimmed their tour programmes in response to a lower than expected increase in demand, rather than dumping heavily discounted holidays at crazy prices.

The second key factor was Owners' establishment of the charter airline, Air 2000, in 1987. Its operating profits rose by 38 per cent to £8.1 million last year, more than half the total.

Air 2000's nine aircraft are mostly Boeing 757s which can fly lucrative long distance routes to Kenya and Mexico as well as to the Mediterranean. All but one of the aircraft are based in Manchester and Glasgow and so the airline is less dependent on overmortgaged customers in the South-east.

Indeed, despite the expectation of an industrywide 25 per cent fall in package tours, brokers still expect a rise in profits to £16 million and earnings per share of 10.5p in the current year. That puts the shares at 64p on a very modest prospective p/e ratio of 6.

The heavily-indebted engineering and film camera group Eagle Trust holds 15 per cent and would be a willing seller at the right price. An Essex builder has a further 6 per cent, so a bid launched on the back of those two stakes cannot be ruled out. Hold on.

MARK PEPPER

Record year for package tours industry: Howard Klein, chairman of Owners Abroad, yesterday

Cityvision

Shareholders in Cityvision have had a good run since Mr David Quayle, the Q in the B&Q do-it-yourself chain, took over at about the 20p level in the summer of 1986 — so much that Mr Quayle could afford to pitch a one-for-six rights issue at 120p yesterday.

But all good things must come to end and Cityvision, Pre-tax profits grew from which has achieved its extraordinary growth on the back of an unprecedented boom in home videos, now has some tough decisions to make. The rights issue price compares with a fall of 4p to 133p after another set of strong figures. £5.43 million to £12.5 million in the year to end-November and fully-diluted earnings per share from 4.17p to 7.21p.

Cityvision now finds itself in the unenviable position of having done one thing extraordinarily well and being required by the City to do equally well at its next venture. Video rental, despite the 10-12 per cent growth in the supply of machines to the home market expected in the current year, is regarded as ex-growth.

Of the £25.2 million being raised, £16 million will be left in the bank after the repayment of borrowings and purchase of the Superflicks chain, which brings the number of outlets to more than 600.

The spare cash will go on a risky expansion into Europe, along with even riskier and as yet unspecified further retail ventures in this country.

On a conservative assumption of £18.5 million pre-tax in the current year, the shares are selling on a multiple of 12.7 — a sharp scaling-back of the sort of ratings enjoyed in the past but still hardly cheap.

In the end, a bid from one of the big groups remains a possibility, with management sitting on just 10 per cent of the shares, but they hardly look worth chasing until future policy is a little clearer.

Campari

Campari International is an all-weather stock in a fair-weather sector. While classed, understandably, as a clothing manufacturer, it could make a case for something closer to a leisure sector rating.

Campari's ultimate customers are the 15 to 25-year-olds with no mortgages to swallow their earnings and whose last sacrifice would be their casual clothing budget.

Appetites for tracksuits and ski-wear were dulled during the autumn, and the group could not escape a profits downturn from £4.76 million to £4.15 million. Not bad for a fashion-led clothing manufacturer in current conditions.

From all accounts, it seems that sales of its popular lines were sold out in 1989, by retailers' need to wind down their stocks of its competitors' products, a theory underlined by the increased interest already being shown in Campari's 1990-91 range.

Design and good sourcing are the Campari success formula. Its styles remain popular in a fickle market, and it has a reputation for keeping Far East suppliers in line. It has also successfully expanded into Europe. Its latest foray, into the Spanish market, will ensure that more than half this year's profits will be non-UK.

Profits of £4.75 million are pencilled in for this year. Now past tax losses have virtually evaporated, earnings per share growth will be slower, but 33p sees the shares selling for less than 5.3 years' earnings.

Yet for a fashion stock, Campari has impressive defensive qualities, sporting net assets of 162p a share and an ungeared balance sheet. Earnings cover remains good enough to permit a dividend rise despite the fall in profits. A re-rating looks overdue.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sea Containers pays for abandoned deal

Sea Containers has agreed a "penalty payment" of $5 million to be paid to Genstar Container Corporation of the United States in respect of Genstar's earlier agreement to buy its standard cargo container and chassis fleets. The deal has been overtaken by the agreed purchase of the bulk of the group's container operations by Tiphook, the British group.

Sea Containers will also try to terminate a similar deal, also pre-empted by the Tiphook purchase, with Itel Corporation for the purchase of its tank container and chassis businesses. If Itel refuses, the deal will be put to Sea Containers shareholders with a recommendation that it be voted down.

P&P ahead at £11.1m

Pre-tax profits at P&P, the computer dealer, distributor and services company, advanced by 47 per cent to £11.1 million in the year to end-November. The results, which were slightly ahead of market expectations. Group turnover increased by 58 per cent to £168.9 million. Fully diluted earnings per share rise by 16 per cent to 20.8p. The final dividend is 25 per cent up at 2.5p, making 3.6p (3p) for the year.

Pericom shares up

Shares in Pericom, which had risen from a January low of 24p to 32p on Monday, rose a further 14p to 46p yesterday on news of talks taking place which may lead to an offer. Pericom, with interests in computer screens, moved back in profit in the first half of last year and results for the year ended September are imminent. Mr Ron Cragg, chairman, owns 50 per cent of the USM company.

Boost for Hartwell

Hartwell, the Oxford-based motor distributor which is fighting a £172 million cash offer from the Saudi Arabian-owned Jameel Group, has been awarded a further Rover franchise in Liverpool, representing sales of about 2,000 cars a year.

The company has also won the Land-Rover/Range Rover franchise for the area. The awards boost Hartwell's Rover franchises to 14, along with six for Land-Rover/Range Rover. A spokesman for Rover said a Jameel victory in the takeover bid, which reaches its final stages next month, would make little difference to its plans.

"We believe that we would be able to continue with the same franchises we have with Hartwell now, even if they came under new ownership," he said.

In Shops to raise £9.7m

In Shops, which lets shop space to more than 3,000 independent retailers, is raising £9.7 million to finance further expansion by way of a 1-for-2.56 placing at 100p, organized by Albert Sharp, the broker. In Shops operates in 51 retail centres and seven business centres. After borrowings of £4.5 million are paid off the company hopes to expand into another six retail centres.

Merivale into retail sector

Merivale Moore, the office and residential developer, is diversifying into retail property through a £70 million acquisition from Prudential Assurance. The company is to buy a portfolio of 287 shops from the Pru. An initial yield of 7.5 per cent should rise to over 15 per cent current reviews. Hill Samuel is providing £40 million medium term finance, with the balance from existing resources.

Really Useful delay

The Really Useful Group, Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber's theatrical production company, has delayed announcing its figures for the half-year to end-December until the issue of the offer document by which the millionaire composer intends to take the company private again.

The figures were due yesterday, but are now likely to accompany the document, due around March 7. Mr Lloyd Webber revealed his plan to buy back RUG, valuing it at a total of £77.4 million, earlier this month.

Japanese plan £50m UK ball bearing plant

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Koyo Seiko, the Japanese ball bearing manufacturer which is the third largest in the world, plans to set up its first European manufacturing centre in Barnsley, Yorkshire, investing about £50 million.

Production should start in 1991 and by 1993 it is expected it will have created 400 jobs.

It is the second Japanese boost for this part of Yorkshire within a month. Pioneer, the electronics manufacturer, is to open a £20 million facility at nearby Wakefield.

Koyo expects to expand the Barnsley factory even more, because the plant, designed to serve the single European market, is regarded as "only a start."

However, any decision on that is some distance away, and there is a similarly cautious approach to the possible introduction at some point of research and development facilties.

But Mr Douglas Hogg, the Minister for Industry with responsibility for enterprise, in announcing the investment, emphasized that the facility would not just be for assembly. It would also be a manufacturing plant.

Initially, the Koyo team expects to have a local content of about 50 per cent, with a 75 per cent target within four years. The Japanese are seeking British steel supplies.

It remains to be seen whether the content issue may cause friction elsewhere in the community in the same way that Nissan's car exports have from its North-east plant to mainland Europe.

Mr Hogg is supportive of Nissan's claims that it should be treated as an EC producer and seems prepared to do the same for Koyo, an approach which may have helped persuade the Japanese to go to Britain rather than elsewhere in Europe.

The EC looks for at least a 60 per cent local content initially but Mr Hogg is not anticipating any problems with Brussels on this score.

Koyo looked at many possible European sites, including some others in Britain such as South Wales and Corby in Northamptonshire.

The Department of Trade and Industry is putting up £3.5 million in regional selective assistance towards the cost of the Barnsley plant.

The factory, expected to be Koyo's most modern, will be built on the cleared and serviced site of the former Dodworth colliery which was closed two years ago with the loss of about 1,000 jobs.

Mr Saburo Ueno, executive vice-president of Koyo, said most of the management at the plant would be British recruits. The availability of skilled management and workers in the area were key factors in the location decision.

But the Japanese undoubtedly saw the need to break into Europe before 1992 and are anxious over the effect the strong yen on exports.

When the Barnsley factory is fully operational it is expected to produce 24 million sets of bearings annually, amounting to 35 per cent of current exports from Japan.

The Yorkshire production is being seen largely as import substitution rather than the creation of additional sales.

Koyo expects about 85 per cent of Barnsley production to be exported from Britain to mainland Europe.

Koyo mainly makes automotive bearings and has large contracts with continental vehicle makers. But Barnsley is conveniently placed about half-way between the Nissan car plant in the North-east and the Toyota car manufacturing facility planned for south Derbyshire.

In Japan, Koyo supplies Nissan, Toyota and Honda among others. In Britain, it also has contracts with Rover.

Bearing up well: Saburo Ueno and Douglas Hogg examine one of Koyo's products yesterday

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ABI joins market at 125p

By Sam Parkhouse

Shares in ABI Leisure, the caravan manufacturer, will join the market at a starting price of 125p when dealings begin on Monday.

Following the placing of 10 million new shares by broker Panmure Gordon the company will be capitalized at £33.2 million.

ABI will therefore have doubled in value since it was subject to a management buyout in October 1988. The directors will continue to own 38.5 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

From its base at Beverley, North Humberside, ABI sells more than 50,000 caravans and leisure homes a year in Britain, and the company has a 51 per cent share of the export market.

Borrowings of £6 million will be paid off to leave net placing proceeds of £6.6 million. The ABI board has forecast that pre-tax profits will grow 37 per cent to £5.9 million in the current year ending August.

This implies earnings per share of 15.3p, and puts the shares trading at the placing price on a multiple of 8.2.

The board is expecting a dividend of 4.7p, which suggests a likely yield of 5 per cent.

Midlands Radio valuation set to exceed £20m on debut

By Melinda Wittstock

Midlands Radio, one the largest independent radio broadcasters in Britain, has tuned up for a market debut on Monday, to aid ambitions to acquire more local stations and one of the three national commercial radio franchises on auction next year.

The group, with four franchises and seven radio stations transmitting to 4.4 million adults in the Midlands area, is to join the full list through an introduction sponsored by Lazard Brothers and Cazenove which will value it at between £20 million and £25 million. Mr Ron Coles, managing director, believes trading will start at around 160p, putting Midlands on a historic earnings multiple of 16 times — slightly above the sector average of 14.5. But analysts are expecting a debut price of about 190p.

He said Midlands has chosen not to raise any funds via a placing or a flotation because there is no immediate need for the cash.

Bidding for national franchises does not start until next year. He said Midlands would be interested in bidding either for a classical or an Asian national franchise. Midlands reported 1989 pre-tax profits of £2.17 million on turnover of £10.6 million and earnings per share of 9.9p. It said it had also opted to join the stock market as a result of shareholder pressure for a market in the shares.

Its shareholders include Yattendon Investment Trust, JCB Excavators, and Crown Communications, each with 21 per cent.

BZW is forecasting pre-tax profits in 1990 of £2.6 million and earnings per share of 12.7p, putting Midlands on a prospective p/e of 15 times should it start trading at 190p.

Baldock's PCL in the black

By Matthew Bond

Mr Robert Baldock yesterday announced a dramatic turnaround at Property Company of London, the former shell company of which he took control two years ago.

Losses of £1.67 million in 1988 have been turned into a pre-tax profit of £2.14 million for 1989, although acquisitions prevent comparisons.

PCL's two core businesses were brought on board in 1989. The golf course developer, International Resort Holdings, reversed into the company, bringing with it PCL's current chief executive Mr Graham Fisher. The combined group reversed into the nursing home group, Lodge Care in a £23.5 million deal.

PCL also has a third division, IPC, involved in treating industrial waste.

Since the acquisition of Lodge Care, some element of turnover and profit previously classed as extraordinary has been reclassified as ordinary.

Of the group's £11.8 million of turnover, some £5.8 million arose from disposal of nursing homes, now part of the group's ordinary course of business. It retains 16 homes with more than 600 beds.

PCL is to switch its year-end to March and has already declared a final dividend for the 15-month changeover period of 1.5p, making 2p (2.75p).

Middle East write-off contributes to £3.7m loss

Tuskar seeks an oil partner

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Tuskar Resources, which is about to start producing oil from its potentially massive oil discovery in Colombia, has revealed that it is in talks with potential partners to speed up development of the project.

The field could eventually produce more than 100,000 barrels of oil a day, but an estimated $250 million would have to be spent on new wells and pipelines.

Mr Neil O'Donoghue, chairman of Tuskar, said: "We have had discussions with a number of possible partners and without exception they have broadly agreed with our technical evaluation of the field. They are now in the process of making their own studies on the development and marketing of the oil. Following the conclusion of these we would expect to enter into negotiations with a number of them."

Tuskar reported a £Ir4 million (£3.71 million) interim pre-tax loss for the six months to September last year compared with a £Ir84,000 loss in the previous year because of the writing-off of exploration spending in the Middle East. The loss per share of Ir2.15p compared with Ir0.13p.

Tuskar said its Arabex subsidiary closed its Dubai office and consequently the £Ir3.98 million exploration expenditure incurred in the Middle East had been written off. This was reflected in the consolidated profit and loss account with a net amount of £Ir£2.35 million showing as a loss.

Tuskar is confident it will move into "profitable production" within 12 months. Its initial production from the Rubiales field in Colombia is about 1,000 barrels per day and could increase to about 100,000 bpd by 1992-93.

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Apple founder bounces back with NeXT word in computers

By Melinda Wittstock

Mr Steven Jobs, the college dropout who revolutionized the computer world when he co-founded Apple Computers with a friend in a garage, is back with a high-powered computer called NeXT which is expected to become the computing milestone of the 1990s.

Nearly five years after his enforced resignation as Apple chairman, following a protracted corporate power struggle, Mr Jobs has put together a $600 million company that boasts a multi-million dollar software licensing agreement with IBM, Apple's arch-rival.

The NeXT computer — a 12-inch cube with an array of pioneering features making highly-complex Unix multi-tasking and networking much simpler for users and programmers — was officially launched in Britain yesterday.

Designed originally for higher education use but now aimed at the business market, Mr Jobs' invention — which will soon be upgraded to handle software in many languages, including Japanese and Russian — boasts seven features which, he believes, will represent "most of the truly revolutionary advances" in computing this decade.

"There have been three milestones so far. The Apple II revolutionized the industry, before being followed five years later by the IBM PC and two years later by Apple's Macintosh. We're trying to make a fourth," said Mr Jobs.

Some of the new features on the NeXT computer include built-in CD quality sound; a mail system that enables communication through the combination of text, graphics and voice; a removable optical disk system for vast and reliable storage; a system allowing users to develop their own software in about one-third of the time; and a unified imaging system that shows on the screen exactly what is printed on paper.

NeXT is compatible with AT&T's powerful Unix workstation system for multi-tasking and networking. This means a user can simultaneously send or receive mail and compose a separate document, while another programme, also simultaneously, recalculates a complex balance sheet.

It is believed IBM's payments to NeXT for the software licence in the first year alone could top $50 million.

NeXT Inc has also won an exclusive marketing and sales agreement with Businessland, America's biggest seller of computers to US corporations, and has signed a deal with Japan's Canon, which last year invested $100 million in the company, to distribute the computer in Asia.

Mr Jobs, the president and chief executive, is calling on British software developers to write more programmes for NeXT and is soon to organize a British version of his "camp," where hundreds of programmers spend a week discussing software.

NeXT's software has been devised so far by more than 100 independent US companies, though Microsoft, which developed IBM's PC software and became the main developer of Macintosh software, is absent.

Britain is Mr Jobs' first port of call in a sales strategy that will supply all of continental Europe with the computer. "We've had hundreds of letters from European customers literally demanding to buy NeXT. But we believe you shouldn't sell something until you can back it up with proper sales and support organizations."

NeXT — which is 50 per cent-owned by Mr Jobs and 20 per cent-owned by its employees — plans an eventual stock market flotation.

Mr Jobs said: "At the moment, we are re-investing every dime, but sooner or later SEC rules will force us to go public;

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Milestone marketing: Steven Jobs, left, with Derek Bytheway, of Businessland UK, yesterday

COMMENT David Brewerton

Sophie Mirman agrees to put a sock in it

Nothing if not realistic, Sophie Mirman and her husband, Richard Ross, have accepted that, if Sock Shop is to survive, they have to step aside, at least for the time being. Assuming the judge does his thing this morning, control will be passed to the duo from Binder Hamlyn, who will work to their conclusion the tentative plans for financial restructuring which have been in the air since Christmas.

Administration orders are the nearest thing available in Britain to Chapter 11 in the US and their object is to allow companies to remain in business, protected them from the most pressing demands of creditors. If the Sock Shop retailing concept has a future, which the directors believe to be the case, there is every chance that the outlets will avoid becoming just so much more hard-to-let real estate.

Sock Shop, like Lowndes Queensway, has discovered that, when the going gets tough, there is no substitute for a solid equity base and a wide spread of satisfied institutional shareholders. In the case of Sock Shop, the founders clung to too much of the equity, leaving the market with insufficient shareholdings. A shortage of shares might be a great way of propelling the price in a bull market, but, come the bear, the institutions are not sufficiently interested to devote the time and attention to a rescue.

There is no doubt that the Mirmans (or is it the Rosses?) will see their grip on the capital prised away and their shareholdings diluted in any rescue plan. Other shareholders will suffer the same fate. But, either as a financially-restructured entity, or as a subsidiary of some mega-retailer such as Sears or Kingfisher, Sock Shop will ride again.

Back to future at NatWest

National Westminster Bank may have emerged from the long nightmare of Third World debt which once threatened its existence, but it must now face fundamental questions about its future.

Even though the bank first announced higher Third World debt provisions last November, the figures are still a cheering sight. The £990 million charge has raised provisioning to three quarters of its problem country debt. Just £400 million remains unprovided for, 7 per cent of shareholders' funds. At their peak, the debts were larger than the bank's entire capital base.

As well as straightforward provisioning, the bank has used its relatively light Third World exposure to sell its debt at deep discounts. It traded out £730 million in 1989, and perhaps another £300 million since the new year.

There is more tidying up to be done, and the Brady Plan's Mexican refinancing package to be sorted out, but the bank will soon close one of the most difficult chapters in its history.

The problems National Westminster faces over the next 10 years however will be no less arduous. In the short term it has to cope with the downturn in Britain's economy. In 1989, the bank was able to combat increased pressure on its margins with a 20 per cent increase in advances. Now however, its loan book appears to have stagnated while receiverships and defaults are rising. A 105 per cent rise in bad debt provisions to £445 million stands NatWest in good stead, but it admits the year will not be easy.

Just as urgently, NatWest has to tackle its costs. The least attractive aspect of the figures was the 0.1 per cent rise in the group's cost-income ratio to 66.6 per cent at a time when other banks are striving to bring theirs down. NatWest is planning a package of cost reductions, including 11,000 job losses and a £1 billion technology budget, to bring the ratio closer to 60 per cent within five years. Other banks are already aiming at lower. At a time when cheap telephone banking services are taking off, NatWest should either start cutting back its unwieldy 3,300 branch network or increase their business throughput.

Four months into his job as chairman, Lord Alexander has his work cut out.

The ultimate pay-off

My thanks are due to a reader, Mr Harry Holt of Oxfordshire, for putting the banks' exposure to Third World debt into perspective. He points out that bank provisioning of up to 75 per cent of the face value of the debts of less-developed countries (LDCs), while painful, merely puts such debt on the same standing as that of the British Government's oldest borrowings.

War Loan, eligible for repayment since 1952, remains unredeemed and trading at under 35 per cent, while 2½ per cent Consols, "traceable in direct line to 1752 and repayable since 1923," stand below 25 per cent of face value. Treasury 3 per cent, the means by which the Bank of England was nationalized, sits square on the banks' worst assumptions of Third World indebtedness with only 30 pence in the pound realizable.

Mr Holt suggests that a Third World borrower with a sense of humour might care to buy a nominal amount of such gilts equivalent to his debt and tender it in full and final settlement. "After all, the responsibility for its redemption at par is in the safe hands of the British Government." The shareholders would love it.

Owners Abroad basks in £13.4m

By Jeremy Andrews

Mr Howard Klein, chairman of Owners Abroad, said 1989 was "the best year in the history of the package tour operating, in terms of both numbers and gross revenue."

Official figures showed tour passengers increased by 1 million to 12.5 million, with spending on holidays up from £2.89 billion to £3.26 billion.

This helped explain why profits at Owners Abroad rose by 39 per cent to £13.4 million before tax in the 12 months to December on sales 29 per cent up at £320 million. Earnings per share, diluted by the £12.7 million rights issue in July 1988 and higher minority interests, rose by 15 per cent to 8.89p.

The pre-tax total was struck after a £1.34 million provision for the cost of introducing new aircraft at Owners' airline, Air 2000, up from £923,000 in the previous year. Air 2000 contributed £8.1 million of the £14.9 million operating profits, a rise of 38 per cent.

There was also a £2.8 million extraordinary charge for losses at Paramount Airways, the Bristol-based airline whose seats were sold by Owners' wholesaling arm.

Because of this extraordinary charge, Owners plans a final dividend of only 1.8p, just 0.5p up on the 1988 final, leaving the total distribution 0.15p higher at 2.5p.

Mr Klein revealed that tour bookings for the current winter season were up 46 per cent and those for the summer were 34 per cent ahead of last year. He expected to sell 1.1 million tours in 1990, a rise of a quarter.

Air 2000's fleet is to expand to nine with the delivery of two more leased Boeing 757s. One will be based at Gatwick to give the airline better access to the South-east market.

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Batleys up on plan to go private

Batleys, the Yorkshire cash-and-carry business, is being taken off the stock market and put into the private hands of Mr Lawrence Batley, the current chairman, and his family.

Mr Batley has formed a company that is offering 170p a share for the 36.3 per cent not family-controlled, giving a 62 per cent premium over the price prevalent when the plan became public last November and valuing Batleys at £24.4 million. The shares rose 14p to 162p yesterday.

Lazard looks to the East

Lazard Investors is launching a £45 million company to gain from developments in central and eastern Europe. Lazard Central and East European Investments is to be listed in London, with its share price quoted in marks.

It is to concentrate at first on benefits arising in West Germany, Austria and Italy.

Gallaher at helm of whisky group

By David Young

American Brands, the maker of Jim Beam bourbon, has confirmed that it is paying £160 million for the Whyte and Mackay whisky group, which was put on the market last August by the Brent Walker Group.

The takeover, which is being carried out by Gallaher, American Brands' British subsidiary, will secure the jobs of the 800 staff employed by the Glasgow-based distiller. It also includes the Haig and Claymore brands of whisky.

Mr Michael Lunn, Whyte and Mackay managing director, welcomed the move and disclosed that Gallaher had been involved in discussions about a consortium being formed to take over the company. Gallaher had considered taking a minority stake in a buyout plan.

He said: "However, a number of factors were against us.

"The deal announced with Gallaher is, we believe, the very best option for the future. Existing management will be allowed to develop the company on an autonomous basis from its Glasgow base."

Mr Anthony Househam, the chairman of Gallaher, confirmed that the existing management and staff will continue to run the company and that Mr Lunn will become chairman and chief executive.

Brent Walker said that the £160 million cash from the disposal will be used to reduce debt after its investment in the William Hill Organisation and Mecca Leisure. A Whyte and Mackay overdraft of £7 million and its inter-company loan of £30 million to Brent Walker will be settled from the proceeds.

American Brands emerged as a last minute buyer for the distiller, which last year made pre-tax profits of £12.9 million on sales of £135.8 million.

Key week in BAT fight for survival

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

BAT Industries began rolling out its big guns in California yesterday in what is seen as a key week in its attempts to thwart a further takeover bid from Sir James Goldsmith, the financier.

The tobacco and financial services group has to convince insurance regulators in only one of nine American states that neither Sir James's Hoylake Investments nor the French group Axa-Midi Assurances is fit to control its US insurer, Farmers Group, to thwart the takeover ambitions of Hoylake, Sir James's off-the-shelf investment vehicle.

Axa has agreed to buy Farmers for $4.5 billion and invest $1 billion in Hoylake once Sir James controls BAT.

BAT's attack in California this week is intended to show how Farmers' policyholders will be worse off under the ownership of Axa-Midi and it will focus on the policy changes which Axa-Midi proposes involving tax and investments. Leading the assault is Mr Charles Schultz, Farmers' chief financial director who has been with the company for 16 years, and Mr Jerry Fallwell, the company Treasurer.

Star witnesses in the case — which the Californian insurance regulators want completed by this Friday — will be Mr Bruce Bunner, once in charge of California's insurance industry, and an academic, Mr Albert Hofflander, the Professor of Economics at the University of California at Los Angeles, who specializes in insurance studies.

Farmers refuses to comment on the progress of its case in either California or Illinois, the first state to hear arguments and which is still taking evidence.

Meanwhile, Hoylake says that the fall of Drexel Burnham Lambert does not change any of its plans and that it will launch a fresh bid as soon as it gets clearance from the American insurance regulators.

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Arthur's new line at Scribes

John Arthur, a former chairman of London Investment Trust — these days LIT Holdings and with ex-Hill Samuel boss Christopher Castleman at the helm — has diversified into the leisure business. For Arthur, a chartered accountant who gleaned his early City experience while working at ill-fated merchant bank Slater Walker from 1971-76 — "I saw it all, I'm afraid," he admits — sold his 6 per cent interest in LIT for cash just before the 1987 crash and has since been investing in a number of different businesses. His latest venture, where he has just gone from a minority interest to outright control, is Scribes, a private club and restaurant — membership £50 a year — in Carmelite Street, and historically the haunt of journalists from nearby Fleet Street. With the previous owner Geoff Van-Hay now transferred to the basement of the old Barkers building in Kensington High Street, with the backing of its new occupants, Associated Newspapers, Arthur is tomorrow reopening the original premises and hopes to widen its clientele to bankers and lawyers. "It's been closed for two months for refurbishment and we've got a new manageress and a new chef," Arthur tells me.

Weighting game

Bookmakers at the City Road branch of George Walker's betting shop chain — he now owns William Hill and Mecca — know that City folk will bet on almost anything, including, it seems, the likely weight of the Duchess of York's next baby. According to a sign on display in the shop, bets so far range from 6lbs to 10lbs, with the favourite weight being 9lbs 5ozs, on odds of 9:1. In the unlikely event of twins, the first baby to appear will, say the bookies, be the one whose weight is taken into account.

Bridges of the Thames

Stockbrokers, merchant bankers, financial journalists and businessmen who frequent that most upmarket of City canteens — The Savoy Hotel — were serenaded after their lunches in the Grill and River Restaurant yesterday by a pianist with a difference. For striking the black and white keys in the hotel's Thames Foyer, playing jazz as softly as he could, was none other than film star Jeff Bridges, accompanied by his brother Beau, sons of actor Lloyd Bridges. Here to promote their latest film, *The Fabulous Baker Boys*, about two brothers who play the piano in night clubs, they were posing for publicity photos when the urge to make music overcame them. "Their mother made them take piano lessons when they were children so they really can play," says their PR Carol Adams. "Everybody recognized them — the waiters rushed off to get their cameras — and no one could believe their eyes — or ears."

Fair shares

A company gesture which breaks new ground comes from Rothmans Holdings, the 50 per cent Australian associate of the world-wide tobacco giant Rothmans International. The Down-under off-shoot is making a one-for-five bonus issue and declares that fractions will not be distributed. But lest you think for a moment that it might be pocketing that small change itself, I have news. Rothmans informs its shareholders that "shares representing fractions will be sold and the proceeds donated to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal" — the Salvation Army's annual drive for money to fund its good works.

Halfhead bows out

Somewhat embarrassed to admit that he will be retiring before his grandfather's blue button — Marcus Colby, still with WI Carr — Robin Halfhead, a gilt-edged market-maker with UBS Phillips & Drew, will be leaving the City after 34 years next Wednesday. Halfhead, aged 51, and suffering of late from high blood pressure, plans to retreat to his Wiltshire home and recuperate for three or four months before deciding what to do next. "I feel like I've done enough," he says. "It's not as much fun any more. If I do decide to stay in the industry it will probably be with a country firm in Bristol or Cheltenham." Recalling how, in the 1920s, his grandfather Robert Halfhead and Godfrey King had formed the firm Halfhead & King, Robin's own introduction to the City was at Law & Roos, which specialized in South African gold shares, and where his father Douglas Halfhead was joint senior partner. "That firm ceased trading in 1974, because of government legislation, and shortly after that I moved to Moulsdale, the Liverpool-based gilt jobber." Moulsdale was bought by P&D in 1985 and Robin, together with several of his fellow Moulsdale partners — including its erstwhile senior partner John Woolfenden, these days group compliance officer at P&D — moved south again. "My father and three uncles all died within one month last year and I think it's time to take things easy."

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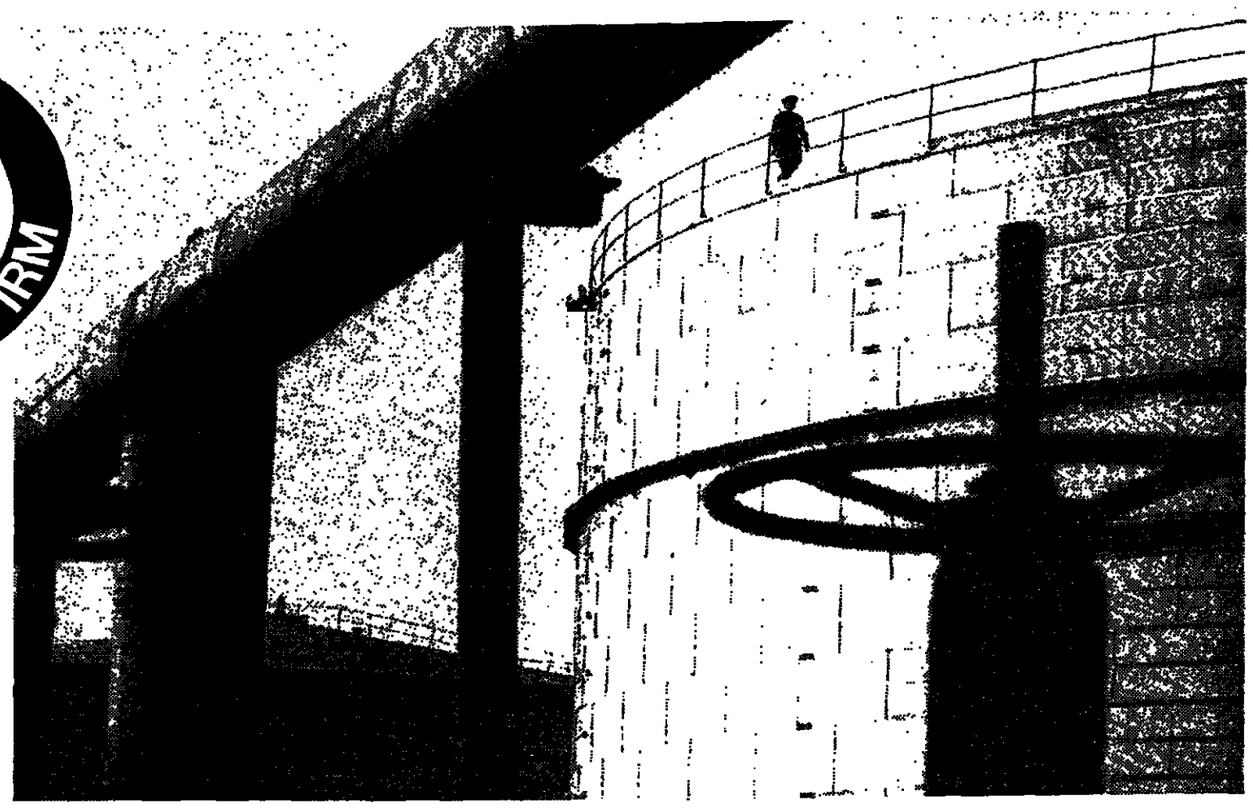

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Drexel offers Tokyo brokers the chance to salvage divisions

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Daiwa Securities and Nikko Securities, two of Japan's four big stockbroking companies, are weighing up approaches from Drexel Burnham Lambert, which has asked them if they are interested in picking over the bones of the collapsed US investment house.

Nomura and Yamaichi, Japan's other big brokers, were also sounded out, but appear to have decided against any deal with Drexel.

The lure for Japanese finance houses is that Drexel would offer them a springboard to expand their operations in the US. Since Drexel's Tokyo office is profitable, there is also a chance that an American company might consider buying Drexel's Tokyo branch as a first step into the Japanese market.

But even though Daiwa and Nikko are said to be considering whether there might be any benefits to salvaging part of the Drexel wreckage, both brokers appear to be a long way from making any decision.

Mr Osamu Abiru, a Daiwa spokesman, said: "It is true that we were contacted by Drexel, but we cannot comment further because we don't have enough information on the company."

Mr Koichi Kimura, Daiwa's vice-president, said: "If we were asked to buy one of the divisions of Drexel, we would be very cautious about making a purchase. The junk bond market's prospects are extremely unclear. Also we suspect that the company's situation is considerably worse than the superficial debts indicated by the figures.

"If the company breaks up, there is a possibility of us head-hunting some of its personnel."

Nikko International, Nikko Securities' subsidiary in the US, was also approached by Drexel. Mr Tsuneo Iida, Nikko International's President told a Japanese newspaper in New York: "Before Drexel went bankrupt, they asked us to buy up the whole company. If this was not possible, they said we should buy up or invest in some division of the company. But the proposals didn't meet our needs and we were not sure what assets the company possessed, so we couldn't reach an agreement.

"Even after their bankruptcy, the requests have kept coming, but the situation hasn't improved. From our point of view, we are interested in the talents in Drexel's research division and its futures dealing and options division.

"We are not involved in the junk bond market, which led to Drexel's bankruptcy, at all, and we don't intend to get involved in that area. Although the junk bond market will remain lucrative, the speculative boom the market enjoyed should diminish from now on. Conventional ways of issuing shares and bonds will become the norm."

Mr Hitoshi Tonomura, a director of Nomura Securities, said: "We are not considering buying up any part of the company for the time being."

Mr Hitoshi Ishihara, a director of Yamaichi: "Drexel itself doesn't appeal to us because the junk bond market has shrunk."

British Gas backs small firms

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Gas has set up a venture capital fund to inject £15 million into small companies developing new technologies for the oil and gas industry.

The cash will be available to companies when additional funds could make the difference between success and failure.

Mr Robert Evans, British Gas chairman and chief executive, said that a new subsidiary, BG Ventures, will be looking for companies bringing new technologies, products and services to the market-place in activities related to the main business of British Gas.

He said that if British Gas was to continue to develop its business it must keep up the pace of innovation.

"We need to be flexible and can no longer afford to rely entirely on our own research efforts to meet that challenge. We recognize the importance of encouraging others to help us. With that in mind, BG Ventures is being launched.

"As a result we — and we hope others — will benefit by sowing the seeds for future developments."

Mr Evans said: "In keeping with our global strategy, we have already invested $5 million in Utilities Venture Capital Corporation, a North American Fund which specializes in investments in high technology companies, specifically of interest to our business."

The new fund will be managed by Electra Innvotec, a firm of professional venture capital fund managers. This is possibly the first time a professionally managed fund with a single corporate investor has been established in the UK, although it is used in North America.

"Electra Innvotec has been chosen because it specializes in investments in innovative companies and early stage financing, and takes a "hands-on" approach to its investments.

British Gas said that the fund management arrangements, which include the normal performance incentives for fund managers, should help ensure a good financial performance and a long-term commitment by the individuals in the fund management team to the fund's performance. In addition a member of British Gas's own staff will work on secondment as part of the team.

'Sowing the seeds for future developments': Robert Evans

Green worries prompt audit

British Gas is planning to carry out an environmental audit of all its activities in the oil and gas business in response to increasing concern about the effects the industry has on the environment.

Mr Robert Evans told the Institute of Petroleum: "As we enter this new decade of heightened environmental expectations, British Gas is committed to a constant re-examination of what we are doing and how we can improve our performance."

He also advised against the oil and gas industry becoming too large and unwieldy so that it was unable to manoeuvre.

He said: "At British Gas, with 79,000 employees, we are constantly examining how we can become more responsive and flexible, sensitive to the slight zephyrs which could become fresh breezes of change and opportunity. I have implemented a new company organization which introduces a federal structure of autonomous business areas."

He added: "Flexibility, fleetness of mind and foot are crucial ingredients for success in the times that lie ahead of us. We should not forget that our industry was built by risk-takers and entrepreneurs, people with vision and ideas, not just well-insulated bureaucrats."

Pifco rises to £1.5m at half time

By Philip Pangalos

Pre-tax profits at Pifco Holdings, the electrical appliance manufacturer, rose 37 per cent to £1.54 million in the six months to end-October.

Turnover increased 11 per cent to £12.58 million. The interim dividend is raised to 3.25p (2.5p), after a 33 per cent increase in earnings per share to 12.5p.

The results follow more improvements in Pifco's trading margins, which have climbed from 7.4 per cent in 1987 and 9.6 per cent in 1988, to 11.8 per cent in 1989, after a continued focus on quality products and cost-cutting. There was also a 147 per cent increase in investment income to £296,000.

Mr Michael Webber, the chairman, said: "The increase is a good result for the group, bearing in mind the generally difficult retail conditions."

There was strong growth from Carmen personal care products, and Pifco sold all its fans during the hot summer.

Mr Webber said Pifco's growth came from the small appliances market, in which products retail at an average of about £20. People finding it difficult to purchase more expensive electrical goods, such as washing machines and televisions, in the economic squeeze have tended to spend money on lower ticket items instead.

Mr Webber said he anticipated a satisfactory outcome in the full year, despite the unease in the retail market. The shares firmed 3p to 233p.

Westpac buys 7.5% stake in ANZ

From David Tweed, Sydney

The purchase of 7.5 per cent of the ANZ Banking Group by Westpac Banking Corp, Australia's biggest bank, has reignited speculation that a significant rationalization of the Australian banking industry will start soon.

Westpac bought 67 million shares in ANZ from Mr John Spalvins's Adelaide Steamship for Aus$408.7 million, (£183 million) at Aus$6.10 a share, enabling Adsteam to book a profit of about Aus$70 million.

Banking analysts said if the industry was not primed for rationalization before yesterday, Westpac's move put the issue beyond doubt.

Before Westpac's acquisition, the most likely rationalization scenario was believed to have involved a merger between the National Australia Bank (NAB) and the ANZ.

Both have crossed their shareholdings in one another. The ANZ holds a 3 per cent stake in the NAB and the NAB holds a 4 per cent stake in ANZ.

Westpac has effectively dealt itself a hand if any deal is to be struck between its two competitors.

One analyst said: "I think Westpac has made the decision to buy a place at the bargaining table when the industry is rationalized ... basically they are keeping their options open."

The NAB and the ANZ issued short press releases yesterday, but neither would comment further. The ANZ statement said it viewed Westpac's purchase of its shares as "a vote of confidence in the strength and profitability of the ANZ by one of its major competitors."

Mr Matthew Percival, general manager, public affairs, said: "Talks have not been held between either the management or boards of the two companies on this purchase." Mr Stuart Fowler, managing director of Westpac, said his bank had bought the shares after becoming aware that a major holder was a willing seller.

"Due to our strong gearing ratio, the amount invested in short term liquids, the earnings impact of the transaction on Westpac is expected to be minimal," he said. "The Federal Treasurer's approval for this transaction was not sought, as it was not required."

Under the Bank Shareholdings Act, no shareholder is permitted to go beyond a 10 per cent stake in a local bank without the approval of the Treasurer.

The approval of the Governor General is then required to exceed 15 per cent.

Adsteam obtained the Federal Treasurer's approval when it built its 14 per cent shareholding in the NAB. The company also has a 7 per cent holding in Westpac.

Analysts said the ANZ situation would reinject life into the banking sector, with investors punting on the most likely form of the rationalization.

The proximity of the federal election, due on March 24, added another dimension.

Mr Paul Keating, the Federal Treasurer, has previously indicated he would be concerned about the competitive implications of a merger between the ANZ and the NAB, although analysts said yesterday that the federal goverment appeared not to have ruled out the prospect.

Professor Bob Baxt, chairman of the Trade Practices Commission, said the commission had been "pretty relaxed" about the possibility of a merger between the ANZ and the NAB, as the combined group's market share would not exceed 40 per cent.

T&N's African setback

T&N's South African subsidiary has turned in mixed results for its year to December. Turnover for T&N Holdings rose 67 per cent to R391.4 million (£90.4 million) and pre-tax profits from R20.5 million to R23.5 million — results reflecting the first full-year inclusion of Asseng.

At the attributable level, earnings fell from 87.7 cents to 69.3 cents. The final dividend falls from 33 cents to 20 cents, leaving the year's distribution at 31 cents, down from 44.

Gold set for 'a good year'

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

The combination of political and economic uncertainty is providing a more positive investment attitude towards gold than has been experienced for a long time, Mr Robert Guy, a director of N M Rothschild & Sons, told an investment seminar in Johannesburg yesterday.

He predicted that "it will again be another good year for gold."

Investor enthusiam for gold has not been diminished, and although a higher gold price has already affected the physical market — and could constrain the jewellery industry — lack of physical demand can be more than compensated by demand from investors, he said.

Mr Guy does not anticipate that the IMF will again institute gold auctions — as had recently been suggested — and believes that core holdings of gold by central banks as an official reserve asset will remain intact.

South Africa and Russia would continue to sell all their production because of foreign exchange needs.

Mr Guy noted that in October, Austria launched its own legal tender gold coin — the Symphony — and in the past four months had sold gold coins totalling more than half a million ounces, or 15 tonnes.

The Austrian view was that the purchase of gold should not be taxed. If others in Europe followed the Austrian example, demand for legal tender coins would recover strongly, he suggested.

The "no tax on gold" idea was "food for thought for Britain" where coins were subjected to a 15 per cent tax and whose Royal Mint recently announced a reduction in its sales forecast for the British gold coin — the Britannia — by almost 50 per cent, Mr Guy added.

HK banks to retain secrecy on reserves

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's banks are to retain their privilege to keep inner reserves secret despite the Government's plans for new banking rules.

Mr Anthony Nicolle, the Banking Commissioner, said yesterday that there was no question of requiring disclosure, despite moves to tighten regulation of use of reserves.

He said: "There is a need to ensure that banks don't indulge in creative accounting in order to pretend that they are still sound and solvent."

Hong Kong banks have traditionally been allowed to use reserves to cushion unexpected losses.

Reserves have been the subject of intense speculation since the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp indicated that it might move towards fuller disclosure in line with British practice.

Mr Nicolle said the Hongkong Bank's stance was understandable because it was an international bank whose counterparts throughout the world were not used to the notion of secret reserves.

Nationwide Anglia

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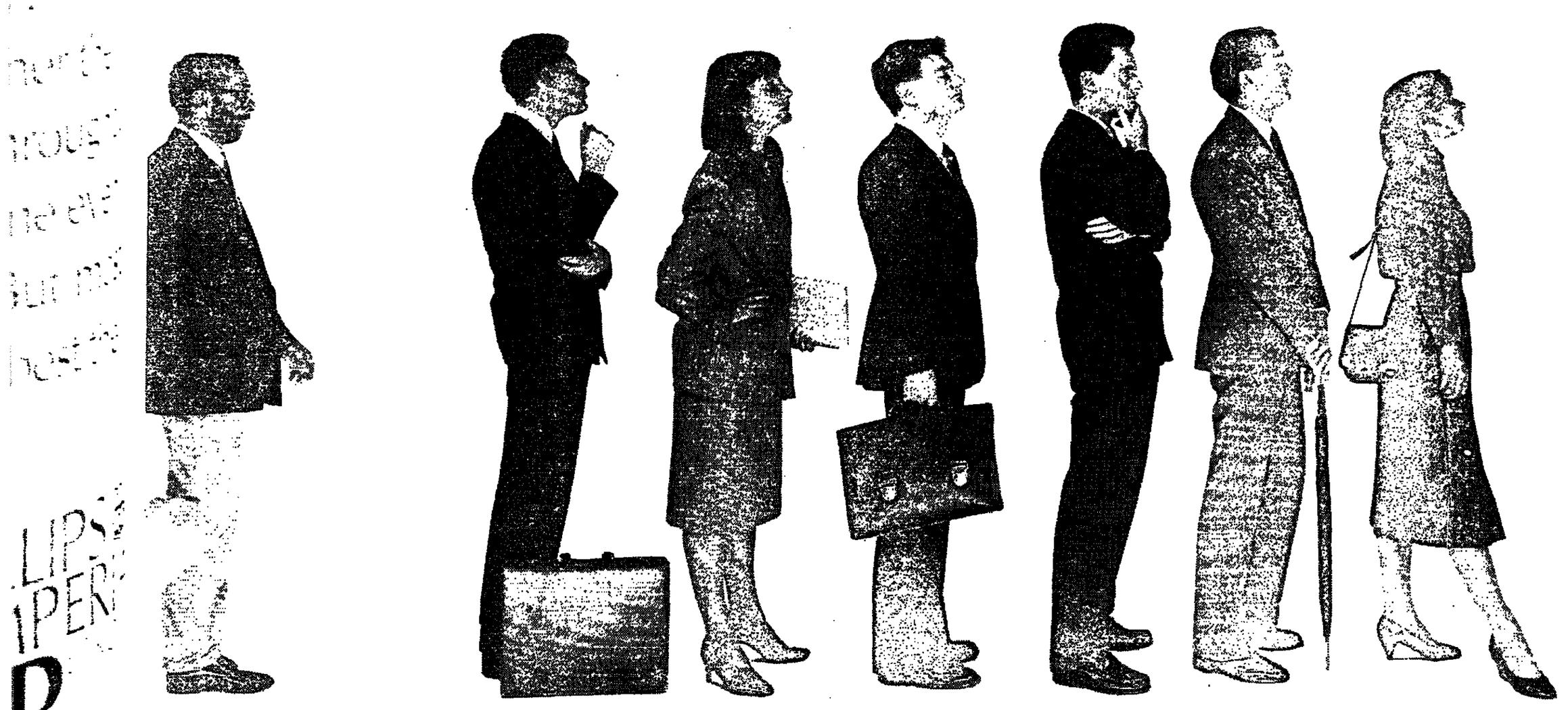

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*472)	460	35	45	62	10	18	20
	500	13	24	40	32	42	42
	550	3½	11	22	80	80	80
ASDA (*108)	100	16	21	24	3½	5½	7½
	110	10	15	18	7½	9½	12
	120	6	11½	14	13	16	18
Bass (*978)	950	67	95	130	17	25	30
	1000	37	62	95	35	50	50
	1050	16	40	67	80	82	85
Boots (*274)	260	25	32	39	5½	10	13
	280	13	20	28	13	19	22
	300	6	-	-	27	-	-
Brit Air (*200)	180	26	31	36	2	6	7½
	200	12	18	24	8	14	16
	220	5	8½	16	20	25	28
Brit Com (*82)	70	10	12	15	7	13	15
	80	3½	8	11	15	19	21
	90	4	6	8	26	27	28
BP (*344)	300	47	52	62	1½	3½	6
	330	21	31	41	6	11	15
	360	7	16	24	21	24	26
Brit Steel (*133)	120	17½	20½	21	1	3	3½
	135	6	-	-	6½	-	-
	145	2½	-	-	12	-	-
C & W (*535)	460	92	105	-	3	8	-
	500	57	75	92	9	18	22
	550	25	42	62	28	37	44
Com Union (*491)	460	36	53	67	12	15	17
	500	16	30	42	32	30	39
	550	4	15	22	74	75	78
Courtauld (*375)	330	57	64	-	2	6½	-
	360	32	42	50	7	15	17
	390	15	24	34	21	30	32
GKN (*384)	360	40	53	-	8	13	-
	390	20	35	43	23	28	33
	420	8½	24	29	42	43	52
Grand Met (*584)	550	60	80	92	7	12	17
	600	26	46	62	28	33	37
	650	8	26	40	65	65	65
ICI (*1041)	1050	36	66	90	57	64	72
	1100	18	48	70	95	100	102
	1150	8	30	-	137	142	-
Jaguar (*n/a)	800	-	-	-	½	½	-
	850	½	½	-	-	½	-
Kingfisher (*279)	260	31	36	42	4	9	12
	280	17	22	30	12	18	22
	300	7	13	20	25	32	35
Ladbroke (*285)	280	27	34	44	5	8½	11
	300	14	21	32	13	18	20
	330	5½	10	19	38	39	40
Land Sec (*490)	460	47	57	67	4½	10	13
	500	22	30	45	20	27	32
	550	6	13	24	63	65	65
M & S (*206)	180	32	35	41	1½	3	4½
	200	15	21	27	5	9	10
	220	5½	9	16	16	20	21
STC (*253)	240	22	34	40	10	15	18
	260	12	22	29	21	25	27
	280	6	14	-	35	39	-
Sainsbury (*262)	240	32	36	47	3	4	5
	260	17	24	33	7	11	12
	280	8	13	21	20	21	21
Shell (*474)	420	60	72	83	4	8	10
	460	25	43	55	14	20	23
	500	8	22	35	40	42	43
Smith Beech (*518)	500	41	57	73	12	17	22
	550	16	26	47	37	43	46
	600	4	14	27	80	80	82
Storehse (*115)	100	22	25	28	2	4	6
	110	15	17	21	4	8	10
	120	8	11	15	8	12	14
Trafalgar (*328)	330	22	30	40	14	22	25
	360	8	16	26	35	42	43
	390	3	8	-	75	65	-
Ultramar (*374)	330	52	65	78	3	7	9
	360	30	45	58	10	13	16
	390	15	30	40	25	26	30
Unilever (*638)	600	54½	74½	95½	7	11½	14½
	650	21½	41½	62½	27½	31½	34½
	700	6	20½	38½	65½	67	68½
Utd Bisc (*339)	300	45	52	60	4	5½	8
	330	19	31	41	12	15	17
	360	7	17	25	32	34	36

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA (*377)	360	19	38	46	1½	10	16
	390	1	20	28	13	24	26
	420	1	10	16	44	46	48
BAT Ind (*809)	750	61	84	118	1	11	18
	800	13	46	77	2	26	35
	850	1½	25	54	42	53	58
BTR (*409)	390	21	35	49	1	10	15
	420	1	17	32	14	24	30
	460	½	7	17	54	57	60
Brit Aero (*510)	500	15	38	55	2	25	33
	550	1	16	35	42	58	65
	600	1	9	20	92	104	107
Brit Tele (*360)	280	22	35	41	1	3½	7
	300	3	19	27	2½	9	13
	330	½	6½	12	30	30	31
Cadbury (*328)	330	4	22	34	4	19	24
	360	1	11	22	32	41	43
	390	1	5½	-	62	66	-
Guinness (*351)	600	55	68	90	1	9	14
	650	7	38	58	4	28	33
	700	1	15	35	50	55	57
GEC (*215)	220	1	14	20	6	10½	15
	240	1	6	10	26	28	28
	260	1	3	-	46	46	-
Hanson (*227)	200	27½	36½	40½	½	1½	3
	220	7	20	25	½	5	8½
	240	½	9	15½	14	15½	18½
LASMO (*619)	550	72	90	112	1	8	16
	600	23	53	77	3	22	32
	650	2	27	52	32	50	57
P & O (*612)	550	66	75½	92½	2	7½	10½
	600	18	38½	59½	22	23½	27½
	650	2	17	33½	41	55½	58
Pilkington (*214)	200	16	27	-	1	5	-
	220	1½	15	17	7	12	18
	240	1	7	10	28	29	31
Plessey (*268)	260	11	-	-	½	-	-
	280	½	½	-	-	-	-
Prudential (*208)	200	10	16	23	1	8	10
	220	1	8	13	13	19	21
	240	1	4	8	33	36	37
Racal (*225)	210	17	29	-	1	7	-
	230	1½	18	-	8	17	-
	250	1	-	-	27	-	-
RTZ (*526)	493	37	-	-	2	-	-
	542	2	-	-	17	-	-
	600	1	10	22	77	84	84
Scot & New (*319)	300	22	40	47	1½	8½	15
	330	1½	21	28	13	22	28
	360	1	11	17	42	42	45
Tesco (*201)	180	22½	27½	34	1	2½	3½
	200	2½	13½	20½	1½	8	10½
	220	1	5	-	20½	22	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abbey Nat (*178)	160	22	23	28	2	4	6
	180	5	10	16	11	12½	15
	200	2	4	8	29	30	31

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Mar	Puts May	Puts Aug
Ferranti (*40)	30	11	13	-	½	2½	-
	35	6½	9	-	1½	3½	-
	40	3	6	-	3	5	-
Polly Peck (*395)	390	20½	34	50½	11½	23½	29½
	420	7½	20½	36½	29½	42	46½
	460	2	9½	-	67½	74½	-
Thames Wtr (*164)	140	26	30	34	½	1½	6
	160	9	16	19	4	8	14
	180	2½	6½	11	17	17	26
Wtr Package (*1718)	1600	140	180	220	15	30	60
	1650	100	145	180	25	40	80
	1700	70	115	150	45	55	110

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls Apr	Calls Jun	Puts Feb	Puts Apr	Puts Jun
Reuters (*1034)	950	90½	21½	-	2	16½	-
	1000	42½	66½	-	2	31	-
	1050	6	57	-	20	54½	-

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Amstrad (*55)	45	12	16	19	1	2½	4½
	50	7½	11	16	2	5	6½
	60	3	6½	10½	7	10	11
Barclays (*555)	500	60	70	80	3	9	14
	550	18	37	47	20	27	33
	600	4	16	28	63	63	63
Blue Circ (*232)	200	36	38	-	1½	4	-
	220	17	23	30	3½	10	13
	250	3½	-	-	21	-	-
Brit Gas (*222)	200	26	34	37	1½	3½	5½
	220	10	21	23	4	7	11
	240	1½	9½	11½	19	19	21
Dixons (*130)	120	12½	19	22	1½	4½	5½
	130	5½	13	15	4½	7½	10
	140	2	8	11	12	13	16
Glaxo (*720)	675	62	85	-	5	15	-
	700	42	67	95	12	27	34
	725	27	52	-	22	38	-
Hawker (*634)	600	60	80	100	9	12	25
	650	32	43	68	30	40	55
	700	13	25	47	80	80	85
Hillsdown (*282)	240	28	35	43	1½	5	8
	260	12	21	31	7	13	16
	280	4½	12	22	21	25	27
Lonrho (*280)	260	27	42	49	4	8	12
	280	14	30	37	10	15	17
	300	5	21	29	23	28	28
Midland (*351)	330	28	35	-	9	18	-
	360	11	23	28	28	32	38
	390	6	14	18	56	57	62
R-Royce (*169)	160	13	16½	22	2½	7	8½
	180	3	7	13	14	18½	20½
	200	1	3	7	33	36	37
Sears (*104)	100	7½	11½	14	2½	6	7½
	110	2½	6½	9½	8	11½	13½
	120	1	3½	5½	17	19	20½
THF (*285)	280	16	23	32	6	14	17
	300	5½	12	20½	18	25	29
	330	1½	6	11	47	48	50
Thorn EMI (*731)	700	45	75	87	6	15	23
	750	15	42	49	28	33	45
	800	3½	23	30	72	73	79
TSB (*136)	130	10	16	19	2½	5	7
	140	3	10	13	7	9	11
	160	1½	4	6	26	26	27
Vaal Reefs (*$112)	100	18	25	28	6	10	13
	110	13	20	25	9	14	18
Wellcome (*676)	650	45	80	110	13	32	40
	700	20	52	80	42	57	62
	750	7	33	60	80	90	92

FT-SE INDEX (*2282)

	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350	2400
Calls						
Feb	138	88	44	15	4	1½
Mar	158	117	77	47	29	16
Apr	-	142	106	74	53	35
May	-	163	128	91	75	50
Jun	-	175	-	125	-	70
Dec	-	265	-	203	-	155
Puts						
Feb	6	18	39	80	125	175
Mar	18	27	44	67	100	137
Apr	-	40	54	77	108	138
May	-	45	65	84	113	152
Jun	-	53	-	90	-	150
Dec	-	81	-	118	-	175

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STOCK MARKET

Speculators' buying raises fresh bid hopes over Next

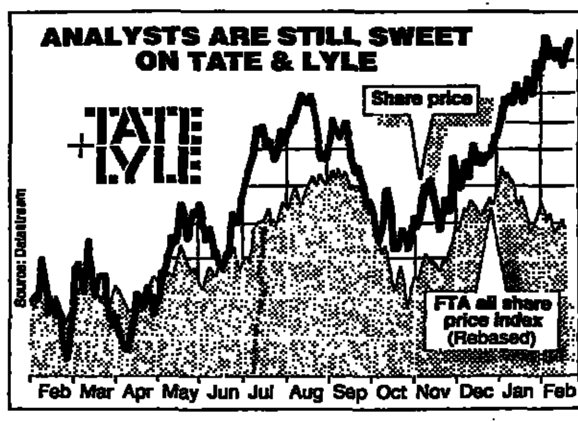
The alarm bells were ringing last night at Next, the struggling fashion retailer, as bid hopes resurfaced following more speculative buying.

The shares finished 2p firmer at 105p, after 107p, with a massive 11 million traded. Recently, they have been trading close to their low of 78p, amid worries over a possible cut in the dividend despite indications from the company to the contrary.

Only last week, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, bought 2 million call options at 9½p, supporting claims that a bid was on the way. Sears, its rival, has built up a holding of about 1.5 per cent and would like to own Grattans, Next's mail order subsidiary. Analysts say that Next's trading prospects remain grim.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market continued to beat a ragged retreat. Prices were marked sharply lower at the start, following a dull performance on Tokyo and without the benefit of a lead from Wall Street which was closed on Monday. There was little reaction to the January money supply figures although dealers reported pockets of selling with a turnover of only 374 million shares.

Attempts at a rally were finally sunk by an early 45-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average in the wake of a speech on monetary policy by Mr Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its low for the day, 20.1 down at 2,277.0 — a two-day fall of almost 50 points. The FT index of 30 shares shed 14.5 to 1,799.



Government securities spent a volatile day, reversing declines of £¼ before worries about sterling saw them close £⅛ down.

Transmanche-Link, lifted the former's units by 15p to 588p while the warrants were unchanged at 45p.

Tate & Lyle stood out in a falling market with a gain of 4p to 315p, helped by an increase in profit estimates from Kleinwort Benson, the broker. A buoyant market for artificial sweetners in the US has allowed Kleinwort to lift its pre-tax profit estimate for the current year by £5 million to £225 million. This compares with the previous year's £220.4 million. A figure of £250 million has been pencilled in for next year. The company met fund managers last night at a seminar arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker.

Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, is sticking its neck out and recommending Storehouse — up 1p at 118p — after meeting Mr David Dworkin, the new chief executive of its BhS subsidiary, last week. Kitcat says he has already made some innovative changes and increased sales by 20 per cent since Christmas, helping to reduce stock levels. Kitcat believes there is no reason why the price should not reach 140p in the short-term.

ICI eased 13p to £10.41 ahead of tomorrow's full-year figures. Most analysts expect a dull performance with pre-tax profits for last year rising from £1.47 billion to £1.5 billion. Anything less than this could hit the share price hard.

Hopes of a settlement soon between Eurotunnel and the project's contractors,

Hopes that ADM, the US sucrose and syrup producer, would continue adding to its holding have started to fade.

National Westminster Bank, which started the banks' dividend season, reported pre-tax profits down by more than £1 billion to £404 million. But the absence of a rights issue and the bigger than expected dividend increase cheered the market, enabling the price to rise 8p to 341p. Provisions for Third World debt have been raised by £990 million and other provisions more than doubled, from £217 million to £445 million.

Midland Bank eased 2p to 351p. It is also expected to show a sharp fall in full-year profits when it reports tomorrow. Lloyds, which rounds off the week on Friday, advanced 5p to 292p. Barclays, bringing up the tail next week, closed 4p dearer at 555p.

Phoenix Timber firmed 2p to 104p. Mercurius Gruppen, the Swedish company headed by Mr Peter Gyllenhammar, has increased its holding with the purchase of 425,000 shares, taking its total to 15.5 per cent. Phoenix has tried to contact Mr Gyllenhammar to find out his intentions but without success. Mercurius already owns 5 per cent of Chloride, up 1p at 39p.

Michael Clark

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	749.9	-1.3	-11.1	-0.8	-6.0	-1.2	-6.0
(free)	143.3	-1.3	-11.1	-0.9	-6.1	-1.2	-6.0
EAFE	1390.4	-1.4	-10.7	-1.1	-6.1	-1.3	-5.6
(free)	143.0	-1.4	-10.8	-1.2	-6.2	-1.3	-5.7
Europe	710.4	-1.3	-6.6	-1.3	-4.2	-1.2	-1.2
(free)	152.7	-1.3	-6.6	-1.6	-4.5	-1.3	-1.2
Nth America	474.3	-1.2	-11.9	-1.1	-6.5	-1.1	-6.8
Nordic	1463.7	-0.8	-6.0	-1.0	-2.2	-0.7	-0.5
(free)	227.7	-0.8	-3.2	-1.0	0.6	-0.8	2.4
Pacific	3448.0	-1.5	-13.1	-1.0	-7.2	-1.4	-8.0
Far East	5024.0	-1.5	-13.2	-1.0	-7.4	-1.4	-8.2
Australia	314.5	-0.9	-9.5	-1.0	-0.8	-0.8	-4.2
Austria	*1991.2*	*-0.9*	*34.0*	*-0.9*	*40.3*	*-0.8*	*41.7*
Belgium	841.0	-1.9	-14.6	-1.8	-11.2	-1.8	-9.7
Canada	514.6	-0.6	-14.3	-0.3	-6.0	-0.5	-9.3
Denmark	1298.4	0.3	-1.4	0.0	2.1	0.3	4.3
Finland	116.2	-0.1	0.8	-0.1	3.9	0.0	6.6
(free)	149.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	3.1	-0.1	5.8
France	702.9	-1.1	-13.1	-1.1	-9.5	-1.0	-8.1
Germany	895.2	-3.1	-2.4	-3.1	2.2	-3.1	3.2
Hong Kong	2194.0	0.4	-1.1	0.5	4.7	0.5	4.6
Italy	355.9	-1.1	-7.7	-1.0	-4.2	-1.0	-2.3
Japan	5327.5	-1.5	-13.6	-1.0	-7.8	-1.5	-8.7
Netherlands	848.2	-1.5	-10.5	-1.4	-6.4	-1.4	-5.3
New Zealand	89.2	-0.6	-13.5	-0.8	-8.0	-0.5	-8.5
Norway	1523.0	-1.7	13.5	-1.7	17.6	-1.7	20.0
(free)	264.3	-1.7	13.1	-1.6	17.3	-1.6	19.7
Sing/Malay	2045.3	0.1	2.5	0.1	6.1	0.2	8.5
Spain	212.2	-0.3	-10.4	-0.1	-6.2	-0.2	-5.2
Sweden	1522.3	-1.0	-13.2	-1.3	-9.4	-1.0	-8.2
(free)	212.7	-1.4	-12.2	-1.7	-8.3	-1.4	-7.1
Switzerland	885.3	-1.0	-3.2	-1.2	-1.4	-0.9	2.4
(free)	135.4	-1.1	-3.0	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	2.6
UK	678.0	-0.7	-6.0	-0.7	-6.0	-0.7	-0.5
USA	427.0	-1.2	-11.6	-1.1	-6.5	-1.1	-6.5

(lc) Local currency.* *Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.*

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings February 19 — Last Dealings March 2 — Last Declaration May 24 — For Settlement June 4

Call options were taken out on: 20/2/90 Gold Mines Kalgoorli, Saatchi & Saatchi, Conroy, Oliver Resources, Strong & Fisher, Aviva, Next, Benlox, STC, Stormgard.
Puts & Calls: Marina Development.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,592	CU	1,840	L&G	420	Scot & N	323
Abbey Nat	2,300	Cookson	1,607	Lloyds	3,293	Sears	2,667
Alld-Lyons	613	Courtaulds	1,059	Lloyds Abb	283	Sedgwick	84
Amstrad	1,411	Dalgety	215	Lonrho	1,730	Shell	2,424
ASDA	2,039	Dixons	1,485	Lucas	1,053	Siebe	117
AB Foods	55	ECC	873	M&S	3,922	Slough	47
Argyll	2,825	Enterprise	186	Maxwell Cm	223	Smith & N	939
BAA	1,071	Ferranti	3,144	MB Group	2,913	SK Beech	1,942
BET	459	Fisons	683	MEPC	296	Smith WH	361
BTR	890	FKI	2,412	Midland	610	Smiths Ind	578
BAT	11,599	Gen Acc	131	Nat West	4,926	STC	1,031
Barclays	2,921	GEC	3,614	Next	11,795	Stan Chart	541
Bass	489	Glaxo	1,836	Nth Food	239	Storehse	625
Beazer	15	Globe Inv	123	P&O	511	Sun Allnce	918
Bensfd Intl	613	Glynwed	390	Pearson	127	T & N	475
BICC	616	Granada	226	Pilkington	1,489	TI Group	158
Blue Arrow	318	Grand Met	871	Polly Peck	552	Tarmac	2,402
Blue Circle	217	GUS 'A'	76	Prudential	2,468	Tate & Lyle	3,139
BOC	300	GRE	385	Racal	1,436	Taylor Wood	166
Boots	2,176	GKN	1,748	Racal Tele	264	TSB	1,691
BPB	1,578	Guinness	1,067	Rk Hovis	392	Tesco	488
Br Aero	929	Hamm 'A'	6	Rank	243	Thorn EMI	493
Br Airways	1,388	Hanson	5,871	R&C	29	Trafalgar	927
Br Comm	1,633	H & C	2,496	Redland	687	THF	686
Br Gas	3,763	Hawker	72	Reed	592	Ultramar	1,174
Br Land	74	Hillsdown	1,557	Reuters	362	Unigate	351
Br Petrol	8,522	IMI	242	RMC Gp	895	Unilever	1,414
Br Steel	3,000	ICI	1,283	RTZ	1,130	United Bis	286
Br Telecm	7,201	Inchcape	316	R-Royce	2,338	Utd News	95
Bunzl	415	Jaguar	n/a	Rothmn 'B'	131	Wellcome	249
Burmah	713	Kingfisher	1,826	Royal Bank	960	Whitbrd	562
Burton	1,184	Lasmo	1,808	Royal Ins	716	Williams	196
C&W	1,748	Ladbroke	623	Saatchi	369	Willis Fab	707
Cadbury	1,102	Land Sec	686	Sainsbury	317	Wimpey G	389
Coats	946	Laporte	168				

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abtrust Thai (100p)	93 -2
Analysis Hldgs	22
Anglo Park	78
Anglo Scan Inv Tst	88 -1
Biocure (42p)	40 +1
Cafe Ins	220
Chartwell	300
Chiltern Radio (210p)	265 -2
Citybond	215
East Surrey Water	£14
Euromoney	373 -5
Fastforward	120
First Philip (50p)	39 -2
Gartmore Emerg Pacific	55 -2
Goldsmiths New	137 -2
Grosvnr Dev (100p)	106 -1
Image Store (38p)	41
Lon & New York (100p)	100
Malaysian Emerg	700 -5
Mickledgate Gp (75p)	61
Oxford Virolgy	57
Plateau Mining	88 -2
Polysource	8½
Prospect (10p)	10½
Sage Gp (130p)	170
Storm Group (25p)	34
Surrey Gp	13½
Sutton Water	128
TR High Inc (520p)	106 -2
Wiltshire Brew (70p)	76 +1

See main listing for Water shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bullers N/P	4 +1
Lowndes Queensway N/P	¼
Norfolk House N/P	23 -2
Ross Group N/P	17 -13

(Issue price in brackets).

WORLD MARKETS

Dow dips 29 points in early trading

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average fell 29 points to 2,606.59 in early trading. Prices dropped, influenced by lower bond prices and weakness in world financial markets. In the broader market, falls outnumbered rises by five to one.

Mr Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, began his testimony to Congress. He said the Fed expects the US real gross national product for 1990 to grow by 1.75 to 2.0 per cent.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index sank 327.08 points, or 0.88 per cent, to 36,895.52, after a 237.72-point fall on Monday. Prices closed broadly lower in sympathy with drops in yen-bond prices in thin trading.

● **Johannesburg** — The overall share index rose to a preliminary close of 3,203 from Monday's 3,140. The market closed broadly firmer, led by a firm gold sector on a stronger bullion price, but trading was thin and cautious as political uncertainties continued to overshadow the market.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index, which had already tumbled nearly 25 points on Monday, fell another 45.38 points, or 2.5 per cent, to 1,823.81. Shares plunged by 2.5 per cent in moderate trading.

● **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index fell 15.5 to 1,630.4.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index closed 2.17 higher at 1,595.40.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed 12.90 up at 2,980.90 while the Hong Kong index rose 8.45 to 1,955.79.

WALL STREET

	Feb 20 midday	Feb 16 close
Abbott Lab	64¾	66¼
Aetna Life	51	51
Ahmanson	18⅝	19
Air Prods	44¾	44⅞
Albertsons	51¼	50⅞
Alcan Al	19⅝	19⅝
Alco Stand	30⅞	30⅝
Allied Signal	34¾	35⅞
Alumin CA	62	63
Am Brands	64	65⅞
Am Cyanmd	50½	50⅞
Am EPC	29⅝	30⅝
Am General	28⅛	28⅜
Am Home	100	102
Am Intl	95	97⅞
Am Medical	3⅝	4
Am Stores	55½	56½
Amax	23	23⅛
Amer Hess	49⅝	49⅝
Ameritech	55	57⅛
Amax	28½	29⅛
Amoco	55⅝	55⅝
AMP	46⅝	47⅞
AMR	55⅝	56
Anheuser-B	35⅞	36¼
Apple Comp	33¼	34
Archer-Dan	19⅞	20¼
Arkla	24	24⅛
Armstrong	34	34⅝
Asarco	27	27¼
Ashland Oil	35⅝	36⅝
AT&T	38⅝	40⅛
Atlan Richfld	114⅝	115⅝
Auto DP	50⅝	50⅞
Avery Intl	28⅝	29¼
Avon Prod	30⅝	31⅞
Baltmore	31⅝	31½
Banc One	*29⅝*	*29⅝*
Bankamerica	27⅝	29
Bard	17¼	18⅛
Barnett Bl	32⅝	32⅝
Bausch Lmb	54½	55
Baxter Intl	24	24⅝
Bec Dickn	59⅛	60
Bell Atlan	87½	92
Bellsouth	52½	53¼
Bkr Hughes	26⅝	26¾
Black Decker	16	16½
Block	32	32⅝
Bnkrs Tst NY	*39*	*40*
Boeing	61¼	63¼
Boise Casc	37	37⅞
Borden	32⅝	33¼
Brist-Myer	52⅛	54⅜
Browng-Fer	35¼	36
Burl Nth	32	32½
CAI	11⅝	12¼
Campbell Sp	45⅝	47⅛
Cap Cities	499	516
Capital HC	44	43⅝
Carolina	43¾	44⅛
Caterpillar	*55⅞*	*58¼*
CBS	178¼	180⅝
Central SW	38½	39⅝
Champion	27	27⅞
Chase Man	29½	29⅝
Chem Bnkg	26⅝	27¼
Chevron	68⅝	69⅝
Chrysler	18¼	16⅝
Chubb	96⅛	96⅝
Cigna	48¼	49⅝
Citicorp	23½	24⅝
Ctbne Liz	22¾	23
Clorox	*39⅝*	*39*
Cmb'tn Eng	n/a	n/a
Cmwlth Edis	35⅝	35⅝
CNA Fincl	75⅝	79⅝
Coastal	31⅝	32⅝
Coca-Cola	67⅝	69¼
Colgate-Pal	55¾	57
Columb Gas	48⅝	48½
Compaq	84¼	87⅝
Conagra	25⅛	26
Cons Edis	25⅛	26⅞
Cons NG	45⅞	45⅛
Cons Rail	45⅝	46⅜
Cooper Ind	37⅜	39
Corning	43⅛	45⅝
CPC Intl	63⅝	64
Crown Cork	51	51¼
CSX	33⅝	34⅝
Dana	32¾	33⅝
Dayton-Hud	61⅛	63
Deere	66	66⅝
Delta Air	63	64⅝
Deluxe	28⅛	29⅝
Detroit Edi	25¼	25⅞
Digital Eq	*73⅞*	*76*
Dillard	64⅞	64⅝
Disney	107⅞	110⅝
Dominion	45⅛	46⅝
Donnelley	40⅛	41
Dover	36⅛	37⅛
Dow Chem	63	63⅞
Dow Jones	27⅝	28⅝
Dresser Ind	45⅝	45⅝
Duke Pwr	53¾	53¾
Dun Bradst	44⅝	44⅝
East Kodak	38⅛	39⅛
Eaton	50	50⅛
Emerson El	37½	38⅛

	Feb 20 midday	Feb 16 close
Enron	*56⅝*	*57⅞*
Entergy	20⅞	20⅝
Ethyl	25	25⅛
Exxon	47⅛	48⅛
Fed NMA	33	34¼
Fedrl Exprs	46⅞	46⅞
Flt Norstar	23⅝	24⅛
Fluor	40	41⅝
Ford Motor	44	44⅛
FPL	33⅝	34
Fst Chicago	34⅛	36
Fst Intrsta	35	34⅞
Fst Union	18⅛	18½
Gannett	39⅝	39⅞
Gen Cinema	23¼	23⅝
Gen Elec	61⅝	62⅛
Gen Mills	65¼	66½
Gen Motors	42⅝	43⅛
Gen RE	85⅞	88⅝
Gen Signal	50⅜	51
Genentech	26⅞	25¾
Genuine Pts	37⅝	38⅝
Georgia-Pac	44⅝	44¼
Gillette	45⅛	47¼
Goodrich	38	38
Goodyear	34⅛	34⅜
Grace	29⅞	30⅞
Greyhound	29⅞	30
Gt Atlantic	52⅝	52⅝
Gt Nor Nek	65⅝	63¾
Gt Western	15⅛	16⅛
GTE	58⅝	62⅛
Halibrtn	45⅞	46
Heinz	28⅛	29⅝
Hercules	32⅛	32⅝
Hershey Fd	29¾	30⅛
Hewlett Pkd	42⅞	44⅛
Hilton Htl	*64⅝*	*64¾*
Holiday	63⅛	63⅛
Home Depot	35¼	37⅛
Homestake	22⅛	21¼
Honeywell	76¾	78⅝
Houston Ind	33⅝	34
Hsehld Ind	48⅛	49¼
Humana	38⅝	39⅞
IBM	102⅝	103⅞
IF&F	57¼	57⅝
Illinois TW	45⅛	46⅝
Inco	23¼	24⅝
Ingsol-Rand	*50⅛*	*51⅞*
Intel	38⅝	40⅛
Intl Paper	48⅞	49⅛
ITT	52⅝	53⅝
James River	*23⅞*	*23⅜*
Johnsn Jhsn	53⅞	55⅛
K Mart	32½	33⅛
Kellogg	62⅛	64
Kerr-McGee	49	50⅞
Kimbly-Clrk	67½	68
Knght-Rddr	54¾	55⅝
Lilly	61⅞	62⅝
Limited	*34⅛*	*35⅛*
Ln Brdcstg	113⅞	113⅞
Lincln Nat	52⅞	54⅝
Litton Ind	72¾	75
Lockheed	34½	35⅛
Louis-Pac	39⅝	40¼
Manu Hano	32⅝	33⅛
Marriott	27⅝	28⅝
Marsh Mclen	75½	77⅛
Martin Mar	39⅝	39⅞
Masco	24⅛	24⅛
May Dept	45¼	46⅛
Maytag	*17¾*	*17⅝*
MCA	53¾	54⅞
McDnl Doug	55⅛	54¾
McDonalds	31¼	32⅝
McGraw-Hill	49⅝	51⅛
MCI Com	31⅛	33⅛
Mead	31⅛	31½
Medtronic	60⅛	60⅛
Melville	43⅝	44⅝
Merck	70⅝	72⅛
Merll Lynch	21⅛	21¼
MM&M	78⅛	80⅛
Mobil	61⅞	63
Monsanto	107⅛	108
Moore	26	26¼
Morgan	35	35⅝
Motorola	57⅝	58¾
Nat Medical	32⅞	32⅝
Nat Service	26⅝	27⅛
Navistar	3⅝	3⅝
NCNB	43¾	44⅛
NCR	67⅝	69⅛
NED Bncp	29⅞	30
Newmnt Min	53⅛	53⅛
Niagr Mhwk	*13½*	*13⅝*
Nike	53¼	54
NL Indstrs	20⅝	21¼
Nordstrom	27⅞	30
Norfk Sthn	36½	36⅛
Norton	50⅛	50⅞
Norwest	19	19⅝
Nthn St Pwr	36⅛	37⅛
Nthn Telcm	22⅝	23¼
NY Times	22⅝	23⅝
Nynex	77	79⅝
Occid Petrl	27⅝	28⅛
Ohio Ed	21⅝	21⅝
Oracle Sys	21⅞	23⅛

	Feb 20 midday	Feb 16 close
Oryx Enrgy	45⅝	46
Pac Ent	46⅞	47⅝
Pac Gas Elec	22⅛	22⅛
Pac Telesis	42⅝	45
Paccar	39⅛	39⅞
Pacificorp	45⅛	46
Pall	33	34
Paramount	43⅞	44⅝
Parker-Hanfn	27	27¼
Penney	64⅛	65⅝
Pennzoil	84	86⅛
Pepsico	57⅛	59⅝
Pfizer	64⅛	65¼
Phlps Pet	25⅝	26⅛
Phldpa Elec	20⅞	20⅝
Phlp Morris	37⅝	38⅝
Phlps Dodge	56	55⅛
Pitney Bow	42⅝	43⅝
Plcr Dome	19⅛	18⅝
PNC Fncl	*39¾*	*40*
Prhdle Estn	27⅞	27⅞
Polaroid	42⅛	44¼
PPG Inds	39⅞	39⅛
Prctr Gmble	65⅛	66⅞
Price	38	38⅛
Primerica	*26*	*27*
Pub Service	27⅝	27⅝
Quaker Oats	47⅛	48⅛
Ralston Pur	80⅞	81½
Raychem	26⅝	27
Raytheon	61⅞	62⅝
Reebok	15⅝	16⅛
Roadway	39¼	40
Rockwell	21¼	22
Rohm Haas	29⅝	29⅝
Royal Dutch	76⅝	78⅛
Rubbermaid	31⅛	32½
Rynlds Mtl	*53⅛*	*54½*
Safeco	35⅞	37¼
Salomon	21⅝	21⅛
Sant Fe Pac	18⅝	19⅞
Sara Lee	26⅛	27⅞
Schecorp	37⅛	38⅝
Schlumbgr	48¼	49⅝
Schrg-Plgh	78	79⅞
Scott Papr	43⅝	43⅝
Seagram	74⅛	76⅞
Sears Rbk	39⅛	40
Secrty Pac	37⅛	37⅝
Shrwn-Wlms	*31⅝*	*32⅞*
Snap-on Tls	31⅛	32½
Southern	26⅝	27⅝
Sovran	35	35⅛
St Paul	*57⅛*	*58⅝*
Stanley Wk	34⅝	35¼
Stone Cntr	21	21¾
Sun	15¾	16⅞
Suntst Bk	21⅛	21⅝
Super Valu	26⅛	26¼
SW Bell	*53⅛*	*54⅞*
Syntex	49⅝	51
Sysco	*27*	*27¾*
Tandem	27⅛	28⅝
Tandy	32⅞	33¼
Tele-comm	14⅝	15⅞
Teledyne	338½	344
Temple-In	59⅛	59⅝
Tenneco	64⅛	66
Texaco	59⅞	59⅝
Texas Inst	32⅝	33¼
Texas Util	34⅝	35
Textron	22	22⅛
Time Wrnr	100⅞	100⅝
Times Mirr	*32⅝*	*33*
Timken	27⅛	28¼
Torchmark	46⅞	48
Toys R Us	36⅛	37⅝
Transam	37⅛	37⅛
Travelers	32⅞	33¼
Tribune	40⅝	41⅛
TRW	47⅛	47⅞
Tyco Lab	45¼	47⅞
UAL	127	131
Un Camp	34⅝	34½
Un Carbide	22⅛	22⅝
Un Pacific	*74⅞*	*75⅛*
Unilever	75⅛	77⅛
Unisys	14⅛	14⅝
Unocal	30⅞	31⅛
Upjohn	35	35⅛
US West	68¾	69⅛
Usair Gp	27⅛	25½
USF&G	27⅛	28⅛
UST	27⅞	27⅝
USX	34⅛	35
Utd Tech	50⅝	51¼
Utd Telcm	31⅛	34⅛
VF	30¼	30½
Wal-Mart	41⅞	43⅛
Walgreen	40⅛	41⅞
Waste Mgmt	31⅝	32⅝
Wells Fargo	70⅞	71⅛
Westg Elec	69⅞	71⅝
Weyerhsr	23⅛	24⅝
Whirlpool	30⅞	31⅝
Whitman	25⅛	25⅛
Winn-Dixie	58⅛	59⅝
Woolworth	58⅝	59⅝
Wrigley	49	50
Wrner-Lamb	107⅛	109⅝
Xerox	50½	50⅝

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report February 21 1990

No remedy over challenge on schools

Regina v Inner London Education Authority, Ex parte Ali and Another

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment February 14]

The failure of the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA) to provide sufficient places for primary school children in the Tower Hamlets area was not open to attack in judicial review proceedings because, in the circumstances, there was no prospect of the court exercising its discretion to grant relief.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing a joint application for judicial review brought by Mortuz Ali and Kumar Murshid complaining that ILEA had failed to secure the availability of sufficient schools to provide primary education for all children in the Tower Hamlets area and seeking damages for the disruption caused to the education of the first applicant's child during the period when ILEA failed to provide him with a primary education.

The court was deciding the preliminary issue whether in view of the decision of the Secretary of State for Education that "there were no grounds for him to issue a direction to ILEA under section 99 of the Education Act 1944" (a decision which was not itself impugned) (a) the court had jurisdiction to hear an application for judicial review complaining that ILEA had failed to discharge any duty imposed on them by section 8 of the 1944 Act and (b) the court should grant any relief in respect of such breach.

Section 8(1) of the Education Act 1944, as relevant, provides: "(1) It shall be the duty of every local education authority to secure that there shall be available for their area sufficient schools — (a) for providing primary education, that is to say, full time education suitable to the requirements of junior pupils ... and the schools available for an area shall not be deemed to be sufficient unless they are sufficient in number, character, and equipment to afford for all pupils opportunities for education...".

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Manjit Gill for the applicants; Mr James Goudie, QC and Miss Alice Robinson for ILEA.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that it was important to recognize that the duty which section 8 placed upon the local education authority was in very broad and general terms. It was the counterpart of the even wider duty placed upon the secretary of state by section 1.

That type of duty could be described as a target duty. While there were a number of standards which were required to be achieved by the local education authority, the setting of those standards was, in the first instance, for the local education authority alone to determine as long as those standards were not outside the tolerance provided by the section.

It was undoubtedly the position that, within the area for which ILEA was responsible, the statutory standards and the standards which they would set for themselves were not being met but that did not mean that ILEA were necessarily in breach of their duty under section 8.

The question was whether ILEA had taken the steps which the statute required to remedy the situation which existed.

However, his Lordship would not accept that it was entirely for the local education authority to decide which steps they should reasonably take.

Such an approach would be inconsistent with the fact that the secretary of state was not only given the power under section 68 to intervene when he was satisfied that the local education authority had acted or was proposing to act unreasonably, he was also given the power to intervene when the local education authority had failed to discharge the duty imposed upon them under section 99.

The duty under section 8 was, therefore, not absolute. A local education authority, faced with a situation where, without any fault on their part, they had not complied with the standard which the section set for a limited period of time were not automatically in breach of the section — such as changing situations which could not be anticipated, not questions of resourses or priorities.

Furthermore, where there was a breach of section 8 the courts in their discretion might not intervene if by the time the matter came before the court the local education authority were doing all that they reasonably could to remedy the situation.

The only remedy in which Mr Ali was now interested was the recovery of damages for the interference which took place in his son's education.

However, the duty imposed by section 8 was intended to enure for the public in general and not intended to give the individual litigant a cause of action.

That was fatal to a claim for damages even on a claim for judicial review since, as section 31(4) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 made clear, an applicant in proceedings for judicial review could only obtain damages where "the court is satisfied that if the claim had been made in an action begun by the applicant at the time of making his application, he would have been awarded damages".

His Lordship said that he would not accept that the language of the default powers contained in section 68 and 99 of the Act indicated that Parliament intended the jurisdiction of the courts to be ousted from considering the issues which could be considered by the secretary of state under those sections.

The existence of the default powers in the 1944 Act were fully explained by the responsibilities which the secretary of state had under section 1 and the fact that he could only fulfil those responsibilities if he was able to control the activities of a local education authority which did not accord with the Act.

Until the power to give directions had been exercised by the secretary of state it would be difficult, if not impossible in practice, in most such situations for the court to intervene at the behest of the secretary of state.

The duties placed on the local education authority were so broad as not to be readily susceptible to enforcement by an injunction or by an order of *mandamus* unless they could be linked to directions.

The secretary of state's statutory relationship with the local authorities meant that he would not be expected to apply to the courts if he could avoid doing so by giving directions, but the fact that he had power to give directions and could do so on complaint created no inference that the ordinary jurisdiction of the court was ousted although it was very relevant as to whether the court should intervene as a matter of discretion.

The applicants having been given leave, the court would not normally dismiss their application as a matter of discretion until after the conclusion of a hearing *inter partes* at which the court had had the opportunity of considering all the circumstances and evidence.

However, if on the hearing of a preliminary issue it was clear beyond peradventure that it was not a case in which the court would grant any relief it was right that the court should dismiss the application.

As the court had no power to award the first applicant damages, so far as he was concerned the proceedings could serve no useful purpose and the application would be dismissed.

Although the case of the second applicant was not so obvious, his Lordship was satisfied that there would be no prospect of the court granting any relief.

First, the respondent education authority would cease to exist in a few weeks so any relief would be of limited effect.

Second, merely to order a public body to perform their statutory duty did not add anything to that duty.

Furthermore, to declare that the public body should perform their duty did not add to clarify the public body's obligations where, as here, they had accepted those obligations.

Mr Justice Pill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Ms Elaine Sherratt, Tower Hamlets; Mr A. M. Ennals.

Court of Appeal

No public law in police doctor claim

Regina v Derbyshire County Council, Ex parte Noble

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice McCowan

[Judgment February 8]

A doctor who was engaged by a police authority as a deputy police surgeon but was dismissed in a manner which he claimed to be unfair and unreasonable was not entitled to a remedy by way of judicial review as there was an insufficient public law element in the case.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Dr James Noble from the dimissal on a preliminary point by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Pill) (*The Times* November 21, 1988) of Dr Noble's application for judicial review of the decision by Derbyshire County Council by its police committee, notified to Dr Noble on January 21, 1987, to terminate his engagement. Leave to appeal was refused.

Leave to move for judicial review had been granted by Mr Justice Hutchison on June 29, 1988. The preliminary issue was whether there was a sufficient public law element in the case to justify the grant of judicial review.

Mr Charles Harris, QC and Mr Kenneth Hamer for Dr Noble; Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Antony White for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that Dr Noble was appointed a deputy police surgeon in about August 1982. By a letter of January 1987 the council's police committee gave him three months' notice to terminate the appointment.

Dr Noble had been given no prior indication that he was to be dismissed and he was given no opportunity to make representations.

It should be added that Dr Noble's engagement had been on terms that were never reduced to writing and some of them were unclear.

However, the Divisional Court found that Dr Noble had been engaged on a contract for services and that there was no master/servant relationship.

Mr Harris submitted (and his Lordship accepted) that there were elements of a public nature in the engagement of a police surgeon.

Reading together sections 4(1) and 10(1) of the Police Act 1964, when Dr Noble was required to perform services on behalf of the council, he was so required in accordance with the council's duty to provide an efficient police force in the area.

Mr Harris also referred to the *Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (s 66) Codes of Practice*, paragraph C9 of which made clear the important role that a police surgeon could have by way of treatment and protection of detained persons, and he submitted that a police surgeon performed a task in which the public properly had an interest.

The court was not concerned with the merits but with whether the matter was properly one for judicial review.

The decision appealed from was based substantially on *R v East Berkshire Health Authority, Ex parte Walsh* ([1985] QB 152). After considering that case, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said: "The question therefore is whether there is sufficient statutory underpinning of the employment to inject an element of public law into [Dr Noble's] employment".

In *Walsh*, Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, said (at p164) that in three House of Lords cases he had referred to "there was a special statutory provision bearing directly upon the right of a public authority to dismiss the plaintiff". His Lordship would emphasize the last words.

Later the Master of the Rolls said: "Employment by a public authority does not *per se* inject any element of public law. Nor does the fact that the employee is in a 'higher grade' or is an 'officer'. This only makes it more likely that there will be special statutory restrictions upon dismissal, or other underpinning of his employment..."

"Upon dismissal" should be emphasized. It was clear that the Master of the Rolls was only talking about statutory injection which had a bearing on the dismissal.

His Lordship also derived considerable assistance from Lord Justice Purchas who said (at p176): "There is a danger of confusing the rights with their appropriate remedies enjoyed by an employee arising out of a private contract of employment with the performance by a public body of the duties imposed upon it as part of the statutory terms under which it exercises its powers".

Mr Harris submitted, in regard to *Walsh*, first that (having regard to the provisions his Lordship had referred to) there was the necessary statutory injection.

However, there was no such injection with respect to the dismissal. Dr Noble's claim arose out of his private contract for services. The fact that he was required to perform certain duties in which the public had an interest was immaterial.

Second, Mr Harris submitted that other authorities established that there could be judicial review even where there was no statutory injection of any sort. He relied for that submission (which was unquestionably correct) on *Council of Civil Service Unions v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374).

However, Lord Diplock in that case could not be read as saying that if a person could qualify under the test stated at pp408-409, he was necessarily entitled to apply for judicial review. Dr Noble's difficulty was that the public law element referred to by Lord Diplock did not in his case go to the dismissal.

It was not possible to lay down a universal principle for where judicial review was appropriate but, as a guide, the subject matter should be considered. In decided cases the courts had drawn a rough boundary between areas where it was and was not appropriate.

Thus the *Civil Service Unions* case was concerned not with the terms of employment of a particular officer employed at GCHQ, but with a policy decision which affected all the officers. Similarly, *R v General Medical Council, Ex parte Coleman* (*The Times* December 8, 1989) involved medical practitioners in general and not a particular doctor.

In *Wheeler v Leicester City Council* ([1985] AC 1054), a different type of case, the subject matter was the alleged misuse of statutory powers, where the courts could clearly interfere by judicial review.

Dr Noble's complaint, on the other hand, was of the way in which he and he alone had been treated. It was true that he had a contract for services, but putting that aside, his position was similar to that of the senior nursing officer in *Walsh*. There was not the public law element required.

There was no suggestion that Dr Noble was entitled to an injunction or declarartion under section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and therefore, as a result of his Lordship's decision, no relief was available to him on his application.

It should not be assumed as a consequence that the principles of natural justice did not apply to Dr Noble's case, but the court was not, in the circumstances, concerned with that.

Nor did it follow that Dr Noble was wholly without remedy. As was pointed out by Lord Justice Purchas in *Walsh*, there were circumstances where a remedy existed at common law or under statute even where the lack of the necessary public element precluded a remedy by judicial review.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, concurring, said that the particular remedy sought by Dr Noble, reinstatement, might not be available in private law in a case of a contract for services, but that could not of itself be regarded as a warrant for giving relief under public administrative law.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, also concurring, said that it was not possible to inject the public element merely by saying that police surgeons performed public duties, which they did.

Solicitors: Robbins Olivey & Blake Lapthorn for Edwards Geldard Hollis Briggs, Derby; Mr D. W. Tysoe, Matlock.

Dismissal through pregnancy not automatic sex bias

Webb v Emo Cargo (UK) Ltd

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr T. S. Batho, Mr A. C. Blyghton, Mr M. L. Boyle and Mrs M. E. Sunderland

[Judgment February 14]

A woman who was dismissed because she was pregnant was not automatically discriminated against on the ground of her sex within the meaning of section 1(1)(a) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

Whether her dismissal for reasons of pregnancy was direct sex discrimination depended on whether the employer treated or would have treated more favourably a man whose relevant circumstances were not materially different, for example, who needed an absence from work because of a medical condition.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal from a London industrial tribunal's decision in April 1988 that the applicant, Ms Carole Webb failed in her complaint that her employers, Emo Air Cargo (UK) Ltd had unlawfully discriminated against her on the ground of her sex.

She had appealed on the ground, *inter alia*, that the industrial tribunal had erred in law in their interpretation of section 1(1)(a) of the 1975 Act.

Section 1 of the 1975 Act provides: "(1) A person discriminates against a woman in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if (a) on the ground of her sex he treats her less favourably than he treats or would treat a man...".

Section 2 provides: "(1) ... the provisions ... relating to sex discrimination against women, are to be treated as applying equally to the treatment of men...".

"(2) In the application of subsection (1) no account shall be taken of special treatment afforded to women in connection with pregnancy or childbirth."

Section 5 provides: "(3) A comparison of the cases of persons of different sex or marital status under section 1(1) or 3(1) must be such that the relevant circumstances in the one case are the same, or not materially different, in the other."

Mr John Melville Williams, QC and Mr Michael Shrimpton for the applicant; Mr B. R. Fullicks, managing director, for the employers; Mr David Pannick as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the applicant was employed to take the place of one of the company's staff who had become pregnant. The applicant herself became pregnant and was dismissed expressly for that reason. She made a complaint of unlawful discrimination on the ground of sex.

There were two conflicting decisions of the appeal tribunal: *Turley v Allders Department Stores Ltd* ([1980] ICR 66) and *Hayes v Malleable Working Men's Club and Institute* ([1985] ICR 703).

The majority in *Turley*'s case found that since a man could not become pregnant it was not possible to compare like with like as required by section 5(3) and dismissed her complaint.

In *Hayes*' case the appeal tribunal had taken a different view of the law and indicated that the correct approach was to ask whether the pregnancy was capable of being matched by analogous circumstances applying to a man and if so, whether a fair comparison could be made between the treatment accorded to a woman in the one situation and a man in the other.

In the present case, the industrial tribunal declined to follow the decision in *Turley*. They held that they needed to consider whether the applicant was treated less favourably than a man and whether such treatment was on the ground of sex.

They found that the applicant had been recruited specifically to take over the job of a pregnant employee and that if a man had been recruited instead and he had told the employers that he would be absent for a comparable period, he would also have been dismissed.

They accordingly held that the employers had not treated her less favourably than they would have treated a man and had not directly discriminated against her under section 1(1)(a).

Counsel for the applicant contended that there were three possible views of the true meaning of section 1(1)(a): first, that because a man could not be pregnant no comparision could be made and no direct discrimination could arise; second, that in order for direct discrimination to be proved the woman had to show less favourable treatment in comparision with a man whose medical condition had a similar effect as her pregnancy on the employer's business.

He submitted that neither of those approaches was appropriate and relied on his third contention that, although a comparison should be made between a woman applicant and a notional man, it was only possible to reach a result which accorded with the intention of the Act if in considering the phrase "relevant circumstances" in section 5(3) one ignored the factor of sex and having then found those circumstances to be the same but the result of the treatment to be different solely by reason of the unique physiological function of a woman in her pregnancy, then it followed that the act of dismissal because of pregnancy had to be direct discrimination.

In his submission, it would be wrong to make a comparison between an incapacity to work because of a sickness which could be common to both sexes. In other words, the presence of the uniquely feminine factor automatically made a dismissal direct discrimination.

Mr Pannick had persuaded the appeal tribunal that the approach of the industrial tribunal was correct. He pointed out that the applicant's submissions really argued for automatic discrimination where pregnancy was involved.

He contended that under section 1(1)(a), unless the applicant could point to a man who would be more favourably treated, there was no question of direct discrimination; that to rely on the fact that a man could not become pregnant had to be wrong because of the provisions of section 2(2) which would otherwise be unnecessary, and section 5(3) which provided that the circumstances of the complainant and the comparable man need not be identical; and that the question was always whether the applicant was adversely treated because of her sex or because of a neutral factor.

If a man would have been treated in the same way the dismissal was not on the ground of sex and there was no direct discrimination.

Finally he said that if the applicant's submissions were correct it would automatically be direct discrimination not to offer a woman employment because she was pregnant whereas the true reason might be that she was incapable of performing the necessary duties.

Those arguments prevailed and the appeal would be dismissed but leave to appeal would be granted.

Solicitors: Miss Susan James, Hillingdon; Treasury Solicitor.

Register surveyor owes no duty of care to future purchaser

Mariola Marine Corporation v Lloyd's Register of Shipping (The Morning Watch)

Before Mr Justice Phillips

[Judgment February 15]

Lloyd's Register of Shipping did not owe a duty of care to future purchasers of a vessel who were likely to rely on the results of a classification survey conducted before the purchase.

There was insufficient proximity between plaintiff and defendant to give rise to a duty of care to avoid causing economic loss by negligent misstatement.

Mr Justice Phillips so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing a claim for damages by Mariola Marine Corporation, the plaintiff yacht charter company, for loss caused by an allegedly negligent classification survey.

Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC and Mr Luke Parsons for Mariola; Mr Julian Flaux for Lloyd's.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS said the plaintiff was a US company which had purchased the Morning Watch, an 80ft steel-hulled motor yacht, in March 1985. The yacht had just been surveyed by a Lloyd's surveyor and had effectively been given a clean bill of health and classed 100A1.

The plaintiff contended that the Morning Watch in fact had serious defects which rendered her unseaworthy and which should have been detected had the survey been properly conducted.

His Lordship said that the plaintiff had established that it was reasonably foreseeable to Lloyd's that Mariola might rely on the survey result. But that was not in itself enough to establish a duty of care in a case of economic loss.

There must also be a sufficient degree of proximity between plaintiff and defendant and it must be just and reasonable to impose on the defendant a duty of care to the plaintiff.

There was no universal test to determine whether the necessary proximity existed. Under Lloyd's system of classification, parties other than the owners of classified vessels were expected to rely on the fact that a vessel was maintained in a class as providing an assurance that the vessel was maintained in good condition.

But the primary purpose of the system was to enhance the safety of life and property at sea, rather than to protect the economic interests of those involved in shipping.

In so far as negligent classification was liable to harm economic interests, there was no general ground for distinguishing those of the charterer, the mortgagee or the purchaser all of whom were at risk of this particular form of economic loss.

The Court of Appeal in *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman and Others* ([1989] QB 653) had found that a company's auditors owed a duty of care to its shareholders.

Among the factors that appeared to have led the court to that decision were the statutory role of auditors, the voluntarily assumption by the auditors of direct responsibility to the individual shareholders and the fact that their relationship was akin to contract.

In this case there was no statutory scheme and no relationship akin to contract. There was no more a voluntary assumption by Lloyd's of responsibility to purchasers, than there was a voluntary assumption by auditors of responsibility to potential purchasers of shares.

Nor was the case analogous with *Smith v Bush* ([1989] 2 WLR 790) where the court had found a relationship akin to contract and the valuer had assumed responsibility to the purchaser.

The House of Lords had since reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Caparo and Dickman* (*The Times* February 12) and nothing in their Lordships' speeches had altered his Lordship's view of the present case.

Solicitors: Ingledew Brown Bennison & Garrett; Taylor Joynson Garrett.

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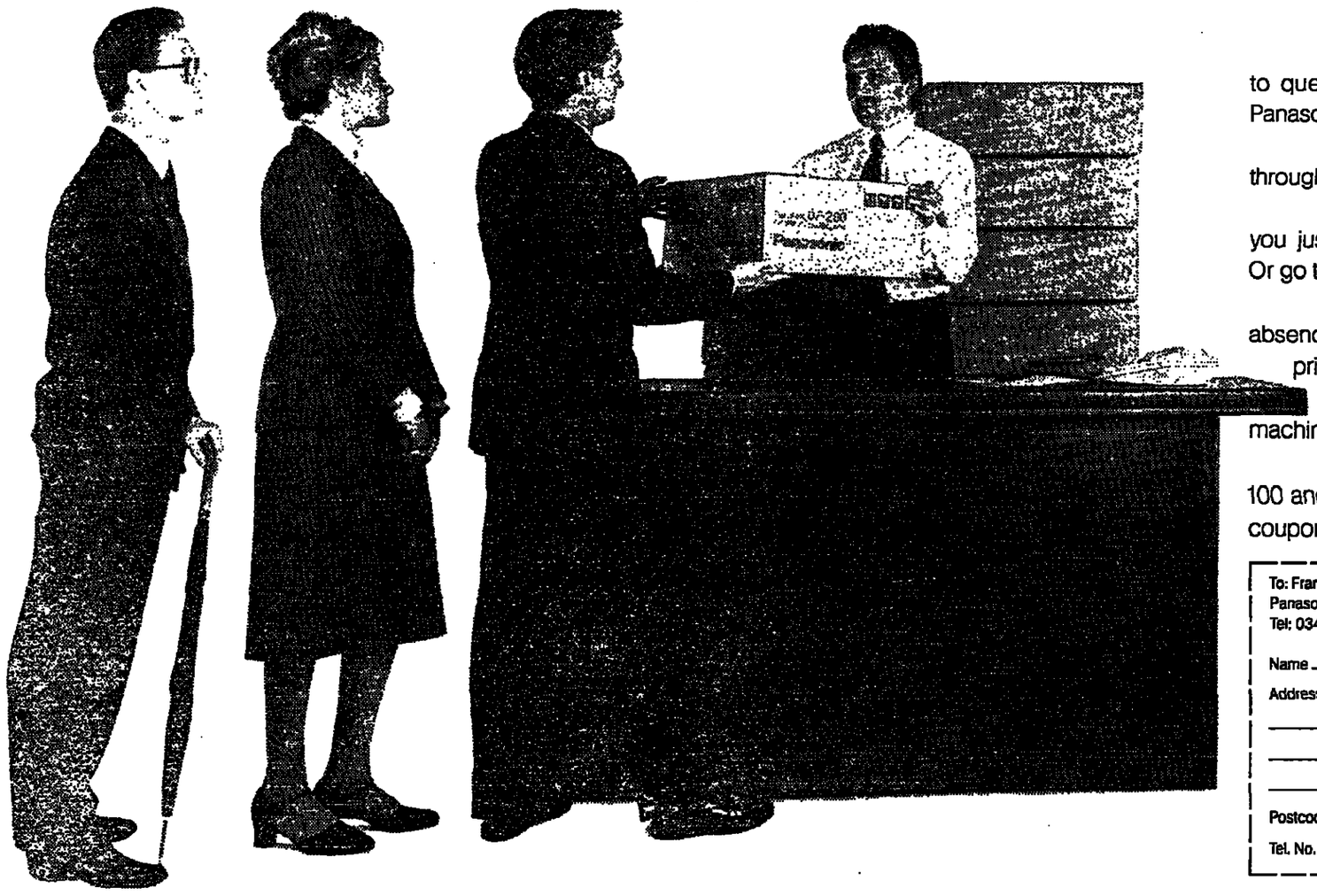

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	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7040-1.7120	1.7040-1.7050	0.67-0.68pr	2.7%.69pr
Montrl	2.0448-2.0544	2.0448-2.0486	0.33-0.28pr	0.88-0.81pr
Amstrdm	3.2176-3.2259	3.2223-3.2258	1¼-1⅛pr	4¼-4⅛pr
Brussels	59.55-59.83	59.55-59.79	21-19pr	64-60pr
Copnhgn	10.9967-11.0382	11.0147-11.0382	2⅞-2¾pr	6⅞-6pr
Dublin	1.0764-1.0774	1.0764-1.0787	30-26pr	76-67pr
Frankft	2.8549-2.8591	2.8561-2.8584	1⅛-1⅛pr	4⅞-4⅛pr
Lisbon	250.77-252.35	250.91-251.91	1pr-19ds	106-151ds
Madrid	184.46-185.02	184.46-184.91	14-4pr	13-par
Milan	2116.49-2122.02	2117.65-2120.59	3-2pr	10-8pr
Oslo	11.0115-11.0578	11.0343-11.0578	3⅛-2⅞pr	9⅞-8⅞pr
Paris	9.6989-9.7226	9.7085-9.7226	3⅛-3pr	8⅞-8⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.4200-10.4572	10.4200-10.4431	⅞-⅝ds	1⅞-1⅝ds
Tokyo	247.41-248.52	247.76-248.06	1⅞-1⅛pr	4⅞-4⅛pr
Vienna	20.07-20.12	20.09-20.12	10⅞-8⅞pr	31⅞-28⅞pr
Zurich	2.5290-2.5372	2.5321-2.5353	1⅛-1⅛pr	3⅞-3⅛pr

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OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	7203.54-7222.78
Australia dollar	2.2369-2.2413
Bahrain dinar	0.6415-0.6495
Brazil cruzado*	44.1419-44.2224
Cyprus pound	0.7925-0.8025
Finland marka	n/a
Greece drachma	268.40-271.80
Hong Kong dollar	13.3268-13.3383
India rupee	28.93-29.23
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4935-0.4995
Malaysia ringgit	4.6083-4.6128
Mexico peso	4640-4740
New Zealand dollar	2.8908-2.8973
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3790-6.4610
Singapore dollar	3.1703-3.1740
S Africa rand (fin)	5.9031-6.0109
S Africa rand (com)	4.3284-4.3362
U A E dirham	6.2450-6.3250

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5850-1.5865	Denmark	6.4530-6.4580
Singapore	1.8575-1.8585	W Germany	1.6750-1.6757
Malaysia	2.7000-2.7010	Switzerland	1.4830-1.4840
Australia	1.3106-1.3123	Netherlands	1.8875-1.8885
Canada	1.2000-1.2010	France	5.6890-5.6930
Sweden	6.1150-6.1250	Japan	145.17-145.27
Norway	6.4600-6.4650	Austria	11.77-11.78

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MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15¾
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 15% Low 14% Week fixed: 14%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14 11/16 3 mth – 14 17/32
Selling: 2 mth – 14⅝ 3 mth – 14 15/32
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14⅞-14 23/32
2 mth: 14 27/32-14⅝ 3 mth: 14 9/16-14½ 6 mth 14⅛-14 3/32
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⅝
2 mth: 15 11/32 3 mth: 15 3/16 6 mth 14⅞
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 15 close 16
1 week: 15-14⅞ 1 mth: 15 1/16-15 3/16 3 mth: 15 3/32-15 1/32
6 mth: 15 1/32-15 3/32 9 mth: 15⅜-15 5/16 12 mth: 15 9/16-15⅜
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14⅞ 7 day: 14⅞ 1 mth: 15
3 mth: 15 3/32 6 mth: 15⅛ 12 mth: 15⅜
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15 1/16-15
3 mth: 15⅛-15 3/16 6 mth: 15⅛-15 12 mth 15⅜-15
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.25-8.20
3 mth: 8.27-8.22 6 mth: 8.32-8.27 12 mth 8.52-8.47
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15 1/16-15 2 mth: 15⅜-15 1/16 3 mth: 15⅜-15 1/16
6 mth: 15⅜-15 1/16 9 mth: 15 9/16-15 1/16 12 mth: 15⅜-15⅜

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Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
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Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	8⅞-7⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8 9/16-8 7/16	9-8⅞
Call: 7⅞-8⅞				
French Franc:	10 11/16-9 15/16	10 13/16-9⅞	11⅛-11⅛	11 7/16-9 15/16
Call: 11-10				
Swiss Franc:	8⅞-8⅞	9⅞-9⅞	9⅞-9⅞	9⅞-9⅞
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GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $419.25-419.75 Close: $419.50-420.00
High: $420.50-421.00 Low: $418.50-419.00

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Brita. nia: $429.00-434.00 (£252.00-255.00)
Krugerrand: $419.00-422.00 (£246.00-248.00)
Mapleleaf (1/10oz): $429.00-434.00 (£252.00-255.00)
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Palladium pm fix: $137.25 (£80.40)
Spot Silver: $5.33-5.35 (£3.130-3.145)

THIRD MARKET

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100				Previous open interest 22981	
Mar 90	2288.0	2291.0	2275.0	2284.0	4404
Jun 90	2328.0	2331.0	2324.0	2327.0	165
Three Month Sterling				Previous open interest 155656	
Mar 90	84.90	84.93	84.89	84.91	3314
Jun 90	85.12	85.21	85.10	85.15	24753
Three Month Eurodollar				Previous open interest 41004	
Mar 90	91.62	91.64	91.59	91.59	2683
Jun 90	91.56	91.58	91.50	91.51	5426
Three Month Euro DM				Previous open interest 50531	
Mar 90	91.18	91.21	91.16	91.22	3906
Jun 90	90.93	90.90	90.56	90.85	12523
Three month ECU				Previous open interest 2552	
Mar 90	88.55	88.61	88.54	88.59	170
Jun 90	88.40	88.52	88.35	88.38	280
US Treasury Bond				Previous open interest 5351	
Mar 90	92-24	93-02	92-08	92-08	5864
Long Gilt				Previous open interest 41493	
Mar 90	84-27	85-22	84-23	84-31	34278
Japanese Govt Bond				Previous open interest 1097	
Mar 90	94.75	94.75	94.02	94.40	55
German Govt Bond				Previous open interest 51941	
Mar 90	90.30	91.80	79.84	90.09	71590
Jun 90	80.10	81.50	79.82	80.44	10842

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Even during the final day of trading in March WTI, the market remained dull. Products weakened in very thin interest and in line with the weaker futures.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	19.75	-15
15 day Mar	19.85	-10
15 day Apr	19.60	-05
WTI Mar	22.25	-05
WTI Apr	22.15	-05

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	218-220	
Gasoil EEC -2	173-175	-2
Non 1H Mar -2	169-170	-2
Non 1H Apr -2	165-166	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil	89- 91	
Naphtha -1	168-192	-1

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($19/pt)
Feb 90 Hi 1600-1591 Low Close 1603
Mar 90 Hi 1645-1627 Low Close 1643
Apr 90 Hi 1655-1645 Low Close 1655
Jul 90 Hi 1405-1395 Low Close 1400
Vol 354 lots Open interest 4764
Dry cargo index 1592 +16

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL	AMT Futures
Mar	169.25-69.00
Apr	164.75-64.50
May	162.00 SLR
Jun	162.50-61.50
Jul	161.75-61.50
Aug	167.00-62.75
Sep	172.00-63.00
Vol	3326

BRENT	AMT Futures
Apr	19.61-19.59
Mar	19.45-19.39
Vol	1336

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	179.0	181.5
May	204.5	206.5
Nov	99.5	99.0
Feb	111.0	110.0
		Vol 118

LONDON FOX

COCOA	AMT Futures
Mar 622-621	Dec 685-684
May 632-631	Mar 707-705
Jul 645-642	May 722-721
Sep 662-660	Vol 5250

COFFEE	AMT Futures
Mar 607-606	Nov 662-658
May 623-622	Jan 678-674
Jul 636-633	Mar 692-685
Sep 649-647	Vol 4330

SUGAR	C Czarnikow
FOB	Vol: 3093
Mar 322.8-21.6	Oct 312.8-12.6
May 323.4-23.0	Dec 308.6-03.2
Aug 322.4-22.0	Mar 291.0-90.8

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t)	Vol 340
Mr 111.25 My 114.65	Jn 117.00
Sp 106.70 Nv 109.40	Ja 113.15
BARLEY close (£/t)	Vol 104
Mr 104.95 My 107.55	Sp 104.00
Nv 107.25 Ja 110.25	Mr 112.60

SOYABEAN	AMT Futures
Apr 127.0-28.5	Oct 122.0-25.5
Jun 122.5-23.5	Dec 129.0 SLR
Aug 122.0-23.5	Feb
	Vol 53

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Rudolf Wolff Tone
Copper Gde A	1449.0-1451.0	1435.0-1436.0	658650	Firm
Lead	470.00-471.00	427.00-428.00	115650	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde*	1415.0-1425.0	n/a	n/a	Quiet
Zinc Spec Hi*	1450.0-1452.0	1437.0-1438.0	156200	Irregular
Tin*	6290-6295	6420-6430	6535	Easier
Aluminium Hi*	1497.0-1499.0	1504.0-1505.0	619850	Steady
Nickel*	7300-7325	7250-7275	17466	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	112.0	112.5
Apr	119.0	120.5
Jun	119.0	120.5
Aug	116.0	116.5

Live Cattle Contract

Feb	109.5	109.5
Mar	unq	unq
Apr	111.8	111.8

Vol Pig-141 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on February 20

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	89.77	208.18	108.16
GB (+/-)	+5.24	+6.24	+0.76
Eng/Wal (%)	-9.8	-1.4	-8.7
Eng/Wal (p)	94.06	207.30	109.06
Eng/Wal (+/-)	+5.46	+5.67	+0.51
Scotland (%)	-86.0	-33.9	-27.4
Scotland (p)	91.01	210.31	109.77
Scotland (+/-)	+2.76	+10.92	+1.56

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Slide continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 12. Dealings end February 23. §Contango day February 26. Settlement day March 5.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 30).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Baker Harris	Property	
2	Pifco	Electricals	
3	Next (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
4	Dencora	Property	
5	Havelock Europa	Industrials E-K	
6	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Williams Hldgs (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
8	Speyhawk	Property	
9	Phoenix Timber	Building,Roads	
10	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
11	Verson	Industrials S-Z	
12	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
13	Crystalate	Electricals	
14	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
15	Highland Elect	Electricals	
16	Ptarmigan	Foods	
17	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
18	Black	Electricals	
19	Park Foods	Foods	
20	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
21	Travis Perkins	Building,Roads	
22	Scot Heritable	Industrials S-Z	
23	Hicking Pentecost	Textiles	
24	Lloyds (aa)	Banks,Discount	
25	Petrocon	Oil,Gas	
26	Breedon PLC	Building,Roads	
27	Atich	Textiles	
28	Br Land (aa)	Property	
29	Microgen	Electricals	
30	MEPC (aa)	Property	
31	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
32	BPP	Newspapers,Pub	
33	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
34	WCRS	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Black (Peter)	Industrials A-D	
36	How Gp	Building,Roads	
37	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
38	Empire Stores	Drapery,Stores	
39	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
40	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
41	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
42	Pentland	Industrials L-R	
43	Syltone	Industrials S-Z	
44	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print,Adv	
		Daily Total	

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
606	273	Antofagasta	580	605	..	20.0	3.4	11.1
71	42	Boustead	61½	62½	+¼	1.7	2.7	16.7
[illegible]								
345	291	Paterson Zoch	340	350	..	11.5	3.3	17.2
333	291	Do 'A'	325	335	..	11.5	3.5	16.4
130	82	Sime Darby	88	94	s -3	..	..	..
134½	80	Tozer Kemsley	120½	122	..	6.0	4.9	11.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

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High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94	59	Headlam	72	79	..	2.9f	3.8	11.3
215	113	Lambert Howarth	173	178	..	12.7	7.2	..
303	104	Pittard Garnar	108	117	-4	8.1	7.2	..
268	88	Strong & Fisher	66	71	-1	16.4	23.8	20.2
310	250	Stylo	298	318	..	8.3	3.0	69.4

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
936	447	BAT (aa)	808	810	..	40.0	4.9	10.8
185	120	FJ Carroll	138	148	-7	..	..	..
684	424	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	625	632	-1	18.4	2.9	11.5

TRANSPORT

WATER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180¼	100	Anglian Water	172	174	-2	20.4	11.8	4.2
190	100	Northumbrian	181	183	-3	21.4	11.8	2.5
171	100	North West	167	170	-1	21.0	12.4	3.9
160	100	Severn Trent	157	158	-1½	19.8	12.6	2.9
171	100	S'thn Water	167	170	+3	15.0	8.9	3.8
202	100	South West	180	183	-7	17.4	9.1	3.1
171	100	Thames Water	163	165	-4½	19.4	11.8	3.9
198	100	Welsh Water	190	193	-2	22.4	11.7	3.3
189	100	Wessex Water	178	182	-4	20.3	11.3	3.7
189	100	Yorkshire Water	180	183	-3	20.6	11.3	4.1
£1755	£1000	Package Unit	£1715	..	-£18	..	..	..

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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Mountain delights

Foreigners can purchase homes in Switzerland, although it is difficult. Diana Wildman goes to the heights

An abysmal lack of snow at many European resorts has illustrated how important it is for ski centres to offer year-round leisure facilities. Indoor swimming pools, fitness centres, tennis and squash courts can now be found in most leading resorts, allowing for a winter and summer rental season.

Last year, Switzerland granted permission for only 1,600 properties to be sold to foreigners, mainly in designated tourist areas, and, of these, 160 permits were available in the Canton of Vaud, although only half that number was taken up.

What might prove a boost to sales in Vaud is the recent legislation requiring foreign owners to pay an annual tax of about 1 per cent of the price of the property. This replaces a system under which owners had to declare their worldwide assets.

Villars is an attractive village 120 km from Geneva, where a variety of property is available for sale to foreigners. For the avid skier or summer walker who does not require sophisticated accommodation, La Residence Escale at Barbaloise, a ski station just outside Villars, consists of 27 studios and one-bedroom apartments. The station, with bar and retaurant, is run as a small hotel. But owners do not have to let the unit in their absence. The two studios still for sale through Osbornes of London cost £38,000 and the one-bed apartments cost £90,000.

Close by is Les Mazots de Gryon, where Finger, a Swiss developer, has permission to build 14 three-bedroom individual chalets, of which four are designated for foreigners. Osbornes is selling the remaining two. They cost £390,000 and can be built in eight months. Simon Malster of Osbornes says the chalets are suitable for those planning long-term stays (up to three months at a time is allowed under Swiss law) or for the semi-retired.

Just outside Villars are the two chalet-style apartment blocks called Le Chaperon Rouge, which have 14 one, two and three bedroom apartments in each building. Ready for occupation in April are nine apartments, available for sale to foreigners at between £178,000 and £270,000.

Osbornes and IPI of Brighton are selling the remaining four apartments in La Residence Saint-Antoine, a block of 10 luxury units in Villars. Prices range from £158,000 to £344,000 for the one, two and three bedroom units.

● *Details: Osbornes, 93 Parkway, London NW1 7PP (01-485 8811).*

Immobilière de Villars, a development company selling in Britain through IPI, has recently completed Le Bristol, a four-star "aparthotel" in the heart of the village. Designed to sell as 67 studios, and one, two and three bedroom apartments to individual owners, the architecture is such that, by clever use of doorways and furniture, they convert easily to 110 hotel rooms. Each unit is sold under Swiss aparthotel regulations, which state that, though it is sold freehold and registered in the owner's name, the apartment must be made available to the hotel to let for at least 150, and not more than 250, days each year. Of the income received in this way, 60 per cent is kept by the hotel and 40 per cent paid to the owner.

Obviously, the hotel would like to use the units during high season and income depends on availability and occupancy. Occupancy is expected to be 55 to 60 per cent for the whole year because this is the hotel's first season.

Five units remain for sale, four one-bed and one two-bed, priced from £175,000 to £240,000. Building begins this spring on Chalet Residence Bristol; 24 apartments are being sold on a full ownership basis, but offering use of the adjacent hotel's facilities. Prices have yet to be announced for the scheme, which is to be completed in autumn 1992.

● *Details: IPI Ltd., 34 Ship Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1AD (0273 774098).*

One of the few French resorts with snow this season is Val Thorens, one of the 1992 Winter Olympic Games hosts. In stark contrast to Villars, which epitomizes its chocolate-box prettiness, Val Thorens is a modern, purpose-built ski station of high-rise apartment blocks. But snow is virtually guaranteed and Val Thorens is part of the extensive Trois Vallées ski area. Its glacier ensures year-round skiing.

McCarthy & Stone, the sheltered housing specialists, own Merlin Immobiliér, a French holiday home company with 11 projects, one of which is Residence La Reine Blanche, a large block of 118 apartments now ready for occupation at Val Thorens. The seven-storey building, which has a sauna and fitness room, has studios to five bedroom penthouses for sale, costing from £33,000 to £130,000.

● *Details: McCarthy & Stone, Homelife House, Oxford Road, Bournemouth BH8 8EZ (0202 292480).*

Val d'Isère will be at the heart of the Olympic downhill skiing events and is established as perhaps the leading French resort for the serious skier. Thanks to the abundant use of artificial snow machines, there has been continuous, but not necessarily good, skiing throughout the season.

Prudential International Property is selling a selection of schemes in Val d'Isère, including Les Chalets du Jardin Alpin, three traditional-style chalets built in local stone and timber, each consisting of 20 apartments and duplexes. Those with south-facing balconies have views over the mountain village of Joseray and beyond to the slopes of the Olympic downhill course in 1992. Facilities include fully fitted kitchens, prices range from £90,000 to £200,000 for the units of one to four bedrooms.

In the heart of Val d'Isère is Le Rond Point des Pistes, consisting of 33 apartments ready for immediate occupation. There are one and two bedroom homes available, priced from £103,000 and £148,000 respectively.

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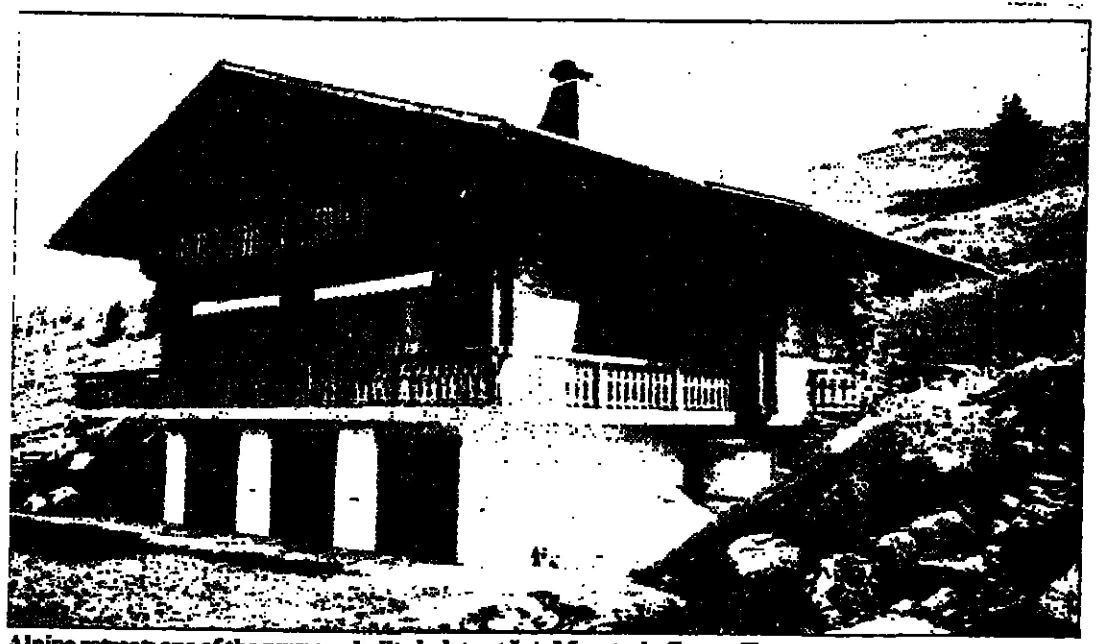
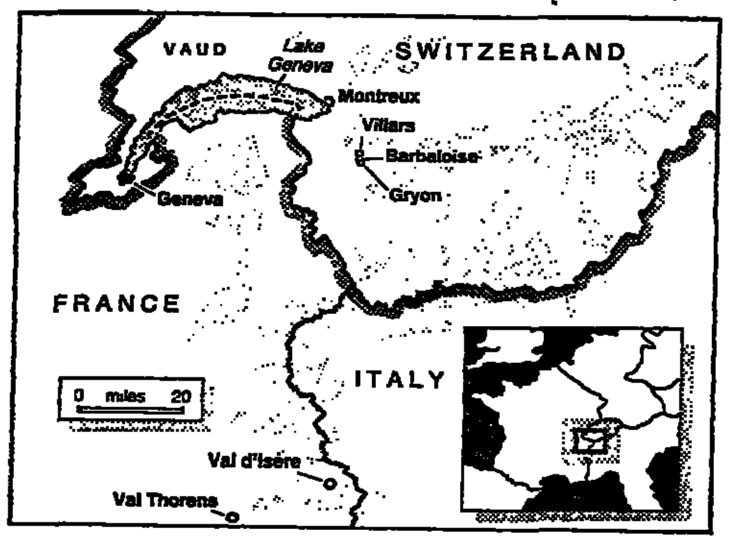


Alpine retreat: one of the purpose-built chalets at Les Mazots de Gryon. Two are still for sale at £390,000



Snow business: where properties are available for sale to foreigners

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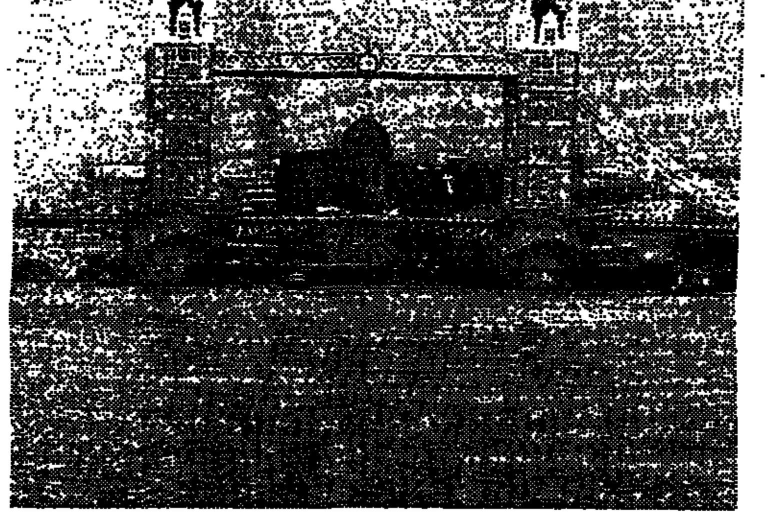

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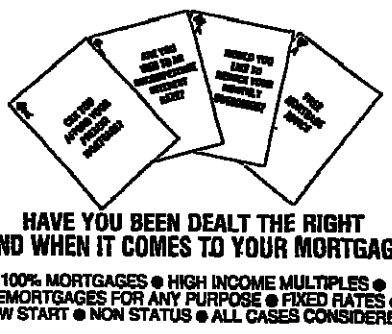

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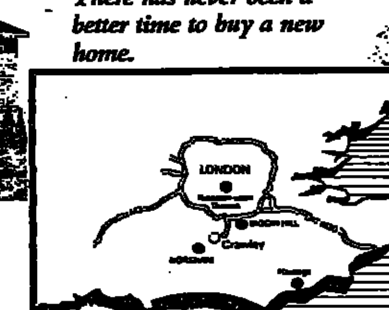

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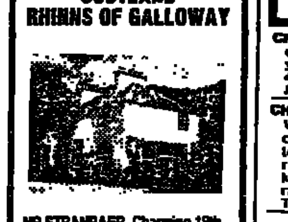

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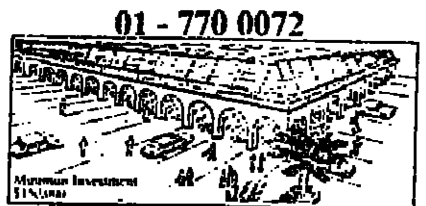

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By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

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'One square foot of space could cost you £117 in Tokyo as it leads a global rise

Rental values have been rising fast in the past six months, notably in the Far East and Europe, the consultant Richard Ellis reports in a new survey on world rental levels.

Tokyo is leading the way, with an increase of more than 20 per cent in the past six months, the highest increase since 1986-87, bringing rents on new prime accommodation to a record £117 a sq ft, way ahead of any other centre.

In cost, London follows Tokyo at £65-70 a sq ft, though top rental levels and occupation costs in the City and West End have stabilized in recent months. Richard Ellis World Rentals expects an increase in total costs in London in April when the rating revaluation and the Uniform Business Rate come into effect.

For Britain, there are modest increases – from £15 to £16 a sq ft in Manchester and from £15 to £16.50 a sq ft in Glasgow.

In the Far East, Singapore has shown a sharp rental increase, up by nearly 30 per cent to £27 a sq ft, and following falls in the mid-1980s the centre is now in a strong up-cycle.

There has been rapid growth, too, in certain European centres. In Lisbon, rental levels are up by nearly 30 per cent to £24 a sq ft, and in Barcelona up by 17 per cent to nearly £24 a sq ft, while Madrid has shown a small increase to a present rent level of more than £32 a sq ft.

Rentals have continued to grow in Australia, but at a more modest rate, with levels at nearly £28 a sq ft in Sydney (up 8 per cent) and virtually unchanged at £19 a sq ft in Melbourne. Only in the United States has there been little growth.

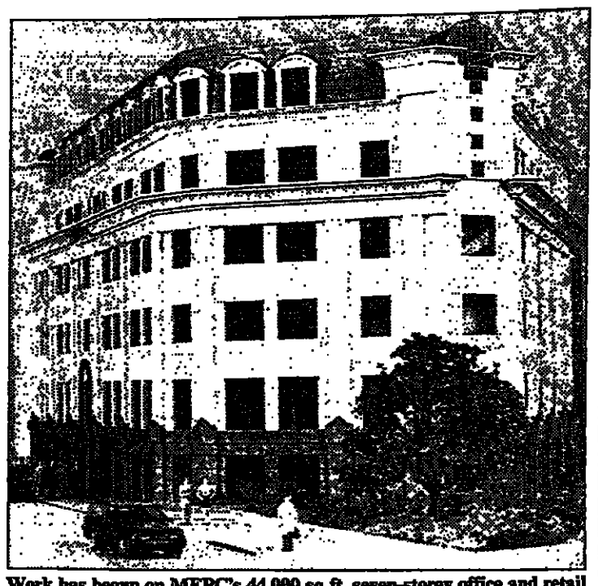
Richard Ellis World Rentals says that prime yields in many of the centres have continued to fall during the last half of 1989, reflecting, according to Iain Reid, of Richard Ellis, "the increasing investor interest and greater confidence in the world property markets".

There could be no better example of this than the launching last week by Jones Lang Wootton, the international property firm, and the Prudential Insurance Company of America, of a $2 billion (about £1.2 billion) global property investment programme on behalf of a number of leading institutional investors from around the world.

The Prudential Global Real Estate Investment Programme, the first undertaking of such size and scope, is designed to give institutional investors an opportunity to acquire commercial property investments spread among such cities as Frankfurt, London, Paris, Sydney and Toronto, as well as the American cities of Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington.

In a joint statement, Robert E. Riley, chairman of the Prudential Realty Group, and Keith Douglas-Mann, chairman of Jones Lang Wootton, explained: "We believe that a global approach to property investing offers certain distinct advantages over single-country portfolios. First, a much wider selection of prime properties is available, and second, since property cycles do not follow the same pattern in every country, a global portfolio affords greater diversification and the prospect of diminished overall risk."

A total of $2 billion has been committed to the programme by eight institutional investors, including the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Nationale-Nederlanden NV, Australian Mutual Provident Society, Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GSIC), and SPP, Sweden. Within the next year, additional investors are expected to increase the total capital commitments to $3 billion.



Work has begun on MEPC's 44,000 sq ft, seven-storey office and retail development (above) at Mansion House tube station in the City. The development is being carried out jointly by MEPC Developments and London Underground. The £13 million construction is by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons. Due for completion in autumn 1991, the scheme replaces existing Victorian and 1960s office buildings. It involves rebuilding and enlarging the underground ticket hall, and the station will be closed until February 1991.

The built-in dangers of 1992

British construction firms are in danger of losing valuable contracts to Continental competitors after 1992 because they do not appreciate the significance of the single European market, a survey of the UK construction sector has revealed.

The survey was carried out by the newly formed Property & Construction group at Ernst & Young, international business and financial advisers. Eugene Bannon, a partner in the firm, said the findings suggested that leading UK construction companies were not prepared or eager to face the impact of the inevitable changes that 1992 would herald.

"Certainly it will be many years before harmonization and standardization of processes and product specification are achieved," he said. "But the European construction companies most likely to win out will be those who have prepared their organizations and are able to meet the new EC specifications. This will require increased research and development expenditure."

The survey found that the only issue of which more than half the firms was aware (54 per cent) was in relation to the public works directive. Fewer than 40 per cent of firms were familiar with the supplies directive, construction products directive or plans to harmonize taxes. Almost 60 per cent of the firms believed the future of their business was on a broad international basis, but only half said the single European market would provide more opportunities. Most of those who considered the single market a threat were taking extra steps to monitor the position of foreign competitors awarded contracts in their UK markets, but only one claimed to have established a specific unit to monitor EC legislation.

IN THE MARKET

Music hall site plan

■ Imry Merchant Developers has announced plans for the £90 million development of its three-acre site by Islington Green, north London. Previously a timber yard, it was earlier the site of Collins Music Hall, London's oldest.
The proposed mixed-use scheme will include more than 175,000 sq ft of offices, workshop/studios, homes, and an open-air "cultural entertainment" area surrounded by shops, cafés and restaurants. The overall design, by Sheppard Robson, follows a consultation exercise with the public. The letting agent is Healey & Baker.

■ The Ove Arup Partnership, consulting engineers and architects, has taken a pre-let of the whole of Carlow House, Faithwood Investment's new office refurbishment scheme at Carlow Street, Camden, north London. Faithwood has achieved a rent of £1.38 million (more than £30 a sq ft overall) for the 45,000 sq ft development, which was formerly a British Rail training centre.

■ Glasgow & Oriental Developments has signed a £70 million loan facility with a syndicate of international banks to redevelop the Broomielaw, the last main area in Glasgow's city centre to be developed. The facility, marking the first phase of a £300 million project, was arranged by the Mitsubishi Bank, fully underwritten by it and the Clydesdale Bank, and it is thought to represent the biggest property investment made by Japanese companies outside London.

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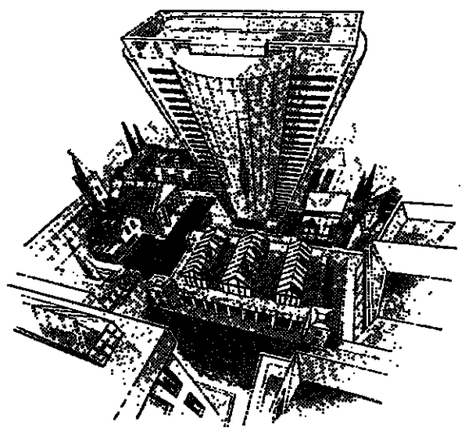

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SQUASH RACKETS

Unfancied Colets are worthy of title

By Colin McQuillan

A narrow victory for Colets, of Thames Ditton, Surrey, in the first season of the SRA Women's Superleague, secured by two points with a third-string win by Cassandra Jackman at Nottingham on Monday evening, is suitable justification for an enterprise not totally supported by all in the sport at the start.

Colets take their name from the club which agreed to host them only because David Last, the team backer, is a valued member there. They are the only unsponsored squad in the league and they have survived the season on gate takings and some local commercial support

"We have not made a profit from the season but the relatively small shortfall I have underwritten is small price to pay for the pleasure the team has brought to me and the club," Last said.

Fully sponsored by Reebok, Nottingham secured second place by beating Colets on the night with comprehensive wins at the top of the order. Yellow Pages Caversham finished third while, in London, UTC Cannons defeated IMS Courtlands 2-1 to finish fourth.

Managed by Last's wife, Penny, and coached by Dardir El Bakary, Colets were hardly favourites at the start of a season in which Michelle Martin, Alison Cumings and Jackman faced considerably weightier opposition.

At Nottingham, Lisa Opie, the world No. 2, was backed by Danielle Drady, the world No. 4 — soon replaced by Sharon Bradey after sponsorship clashes — and Fiona Geaves, the world No. 10.

Caversham were led by Martine Le Moignan, the world champion. Cannons by Lucy Soutter, the British champion, and Courtlands by Liz Irving, the world No. 5.

The success of Jackman, aged 17 and rated the best junior in the world, has certainly been a positive feature of the Superleague. On the down side there were the half-dozen promising juniors who trailed the circuit as reserves without success.

Of great value in the men's national squash league has been the emergence of a depth of young, battle-hardened talent into the world game.

It will need more than one additional Superleague team next season to accommodate the equivalent band of younger players eager to come to grips with the long-established elite of the women's game.

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Richard Wetherell checks out American football's venture into Europe

A father figure named Elway

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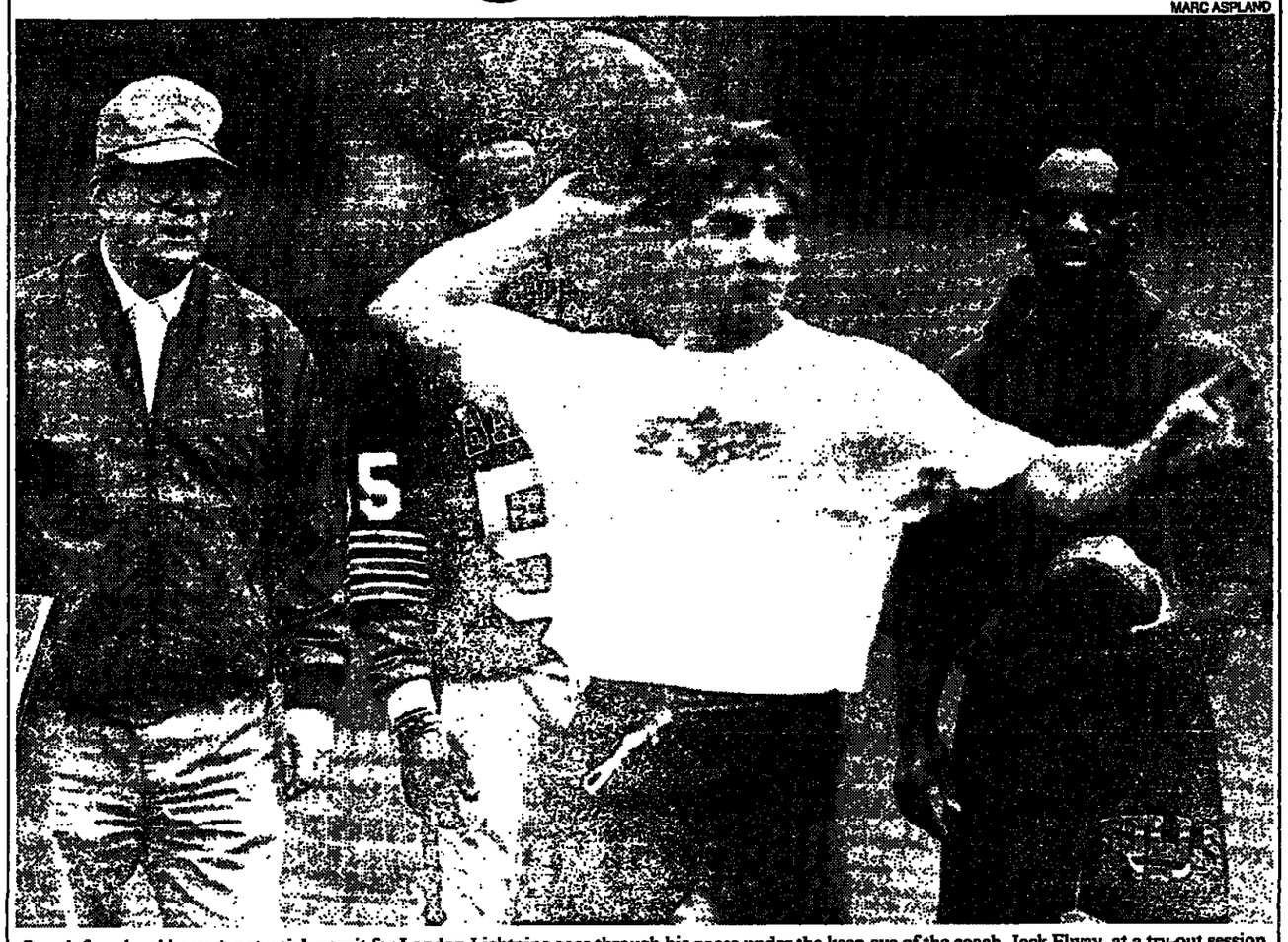


Search for a local hero: A potential recruit for London Lightning goes through his paces under the keen eye of the coach, Jack Elway, at a try-out session

There are many examples in sport of sons struggling to escape from the shadow cast by famous fathers. Jack Elway finds himself in the reverse position. For his son, John, is the same John Elway who has led the Denver Broncos to three Super Bowls in the last four years and is one of the best known sportsmen in the United States.

Jack Elway is hoping to make his mark in the same sport but in a different country, for he is the coach of London Lightning, one of the teams that will form the International League of American Football (ILAF), which starts in April.

The ILAF is the first professional league in Europe and comprises teams from Birmingham (the Bears will play at Villa Park), Amsterdam, Barcelona, Helsinki, Milan, Munich and Rome. London will play at Stamford Bridge. All the teams will have a roster of 36 — 12 Americans and 24 nationals. The Americans are college players or men who had brief stays with National Football League (NFL) teams during the last strike. Others have played in Canada and some have even been involved with gridiron's poor relation, Arenaball.

Each team's nationals will be whittled down from those attending the try-outs, the first of which were last weekend. Jack Elway, who has coached at Stanford and San Jose Universities, sees the the new league as a great opportunity for them.

Elway was invited in as a coach four months ago by the commissioner of the league, Carroll P. Huntress. Seeing it as both an opportunity to visit England and an adventure he was interested enough to accept.

Indeed, he has had to turn down other jobs to take this one. After being in college football for 30 years he needed another challenge and had talks with the New York Jets about being a position coach. When he goes back home he hopes to reopen negotiations with them. However, at the age of 58 he has understandable doubts about making the leap from college football to the NFL. While confident enough of his ability to survive in the NFL — "a fraternity with experience in pro football" — the challenge of being in at the birth of the ILAF proved more attractive.

The huge gap which exists between the NFL and all other levels of the sport is one that the ILAF hopes to bridge. Elway has been impressed with the British players.

"I really like their attitude and passion for the game," he said. He admits they are better than he and his fellow coaches had given them credit for. But if the league is to take off it needs a few local heroes to emerge, and quickly.

Elway believes that the Lightning running back, Victor Ebubedike, could be one such and might be good enough to play in the NFL. Ebubedike will be helped by the fact that the quarterbacks will be Americans. One of them, David Dacus, who played at college with Jerry Rice, the outstanding wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, will head the "explosive offensive game" that is Elway's passion.

It is hoped that more passing and more big plays than are usual in Britain will bring in the crowds. "The exhibition games have been an indication that there is an interest in the game," Elway said. In the nature of sport these days, there is even a special telephone line for those extra keen for information.

During the next two months, the 24 local players have to be chosen and trained. London Lightning's first match will be home to Milan on April 14. Before then Elway will be hoping to mould a team that will live up to his promises. There is a hoary old footballing phrase: "He who lives by the pass shall die by the pass." By July, when the season ends, we shall find out.

HOCKEY

The running game is still holding sway in Argentina

From Sydney Friskin, Lahore

Among the few at the seventh World Cup smiling in adversity is Carlos Alberto Badano, the Argentina manager, even though the team has not qualified for the Champions Trophy tournament at Melbourne in Novmber and its quest for a place in the 1994 World Cup must begin again.

Badano has a simple explanation for why Argentina, after a stunning beginning, slumped to fifth in their group and are now playing off for ninth to twelfth places. "We play the running game and if the barriers are set up they destroy our rhythm," he said, shuddering at suggestions that they should fall back on defence and rely on a policy of counter-attack. "That is not our mentality."

The natural flair and athleticism of the Argentinians have lent enchantment to a competition in which tactical ploys have tended to detract from the game as a spectacle. Their audacity in challenging the strongest sides becomes all the more astonishing when the limitations of their own resources at home are examined.

They have only one artificial turf pitch, in Buenos Aires, and even that, laid 10 years ago, has seen so much wear and tear that an international match can no longer be played on it. They also have serious financial problems. The team had to rely on the generosity of the Malaysians for its participation in the junior World Cup at Ipoh last August.

In spite of these handicaps, the Argentinian association runs a national league with 12 teams in the first division and 14 in the second. Most teams are in Buenos Aires, although there is limited activity at Mendoza and Córdova in the interior.

It is in the rising generation that Badano sees cause for hope. Hundreds of schoolboys, aged 12 and over, are being coached by former national players and all, he says, are keen to learn.

There have been few smiles from Kumaresh Sen, the manager of India, whose plight is similar to that of Argentina. Setting aside the anti-Indian demonstrations by students over the issue of Kashmir, he believes there is a deep-seated fault that must be tackled when the team returns home.

"Somebody has to make the Indian Hockey Federation realize that we must have a foreign coach who can advise us on tactics, stamina, fitness and dieting," he said.

England's own crisis — they are struggling to finish in the top six so as to qualify automatically for the next World Cup — has been largely self-inflicted. They left themselves too much to do by losing their group match against Spain by 4-1. They went to sleep for 15 minutes and paid the penalty.

NETBALL

Wales take heart from the return of Walker

By Louise Taylor

Welsh pride may have been punctured at Twickenham last Saturday, but the country's netballers salvaged more than a sliver against England at Poole. True, Wales were beaten, but while the men with the oval ball were shredded, the women gave England a genuine scare in Dorset.

The final scoreline of 43-30 in England's favour was the narrowest margin of victory for nine years. Indeed, considering England have won 44, draw one, and lost one of the 46 meetings between the countries, Wales could be well satisfied.

England were surprised by the power and accuracy of Pam Walker, the 6ft Welsh goal-shooter, returning to international duty after a year's absence through injury. By contrast, Joan Bryan, the normally prolific England goal-shooter, was out of sorts, and replaced by Karen Fenlon at half-time.

If the Welsh seniors pronounced themselves "delighted" with their scoreline, the under-21s must have been suitably depressed by their 66-29 beating. At this level, England excelled in the goal-shooting department, Lisa Topliss, of Derbyshire, making an excellent international debut.

Cheryl Danson, of England, has been invited to act as one of three neutral umpires — the others are from Bermuda and Australia — during the Milo international series between New Zealand, Australia, and Jamaica, to be held in New Zealand at the end of April.

If she accepts, it will be one of two trips to the other side of the world for Danson this year. She has already taken up an offer to umpire on the tour to Australia by English Schools in August.

This Saturday sees the home international season continue at under-16 level, when England entertain Northern Ireland at Manchester University

William dropped in, so we talked long about old times.

Rex Bellamy recalls boyhood Saturday afternoons watching football at Yeovil, famous for its slope and FA Cup upsets

Yeovil prepare for life on the level

The gods can show a wondrous sense of occasion when playing games with us and devising rewards for those who have been patient and deserving. Thus it was when Hillary and Tenzing celebrated a coronation by climbing the biggest rock in the world, and when Virginia Wade celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Queen's accession by winning Wimbledon.

Sometimes the gods need a nudge. It would be apt, for example, if Yeovil Town's flight from their famous sloping pitch could be preceded by a Wembley debut and succeeded, a year or so hence, by promotion to what used to be known as the Football League: an elevation that seemed more likely 50-odd years ago than it does at the moment.

The immediate obstacle between The Glovers and Wembley is a home tie with Barrow, on Saturday in the FA Trophy, a knockout event for clubs outside the big league. The winners will move into the last eight.

Yeovil have twice reached the semi-finals: a modest eminence by comparison with their sporadic attempts to teach the big boys that FA Cup ties at the Huish ground cannot be prescribed as tonics for self-esteem. The ground is a potential hillside that never quite grew up.

Yeovil have had 13 FA Cup wins, 10 of them at Huish, over Football League clubs. Bury and Sunderland in turn were beaten at Huish in the 1948-49 season, whereupon a host of townsfolk sporting green and white colours and gentle accents flocked to the North to attend a fifth-round drubbing at the feet of Manchester United. The crowd would have filled Huish eight times.

Sheffield Wednesday and Arsenal are among the teams who not only found their way to Huish but kept their dignity by winning there. Yeovil's FA Cup reputation was founded in the 1934-35 season when they reached the third round for the first time but then discovered that, even at Huish, Liverpool were less vulnerable than Crystal Palace and Exeter City.

I was there that day, when our heroes played Liverpool, because Huish was childhood. It was in the shadow of the main stand — in that tiny, battered old school tightly sandwiched between the ground and the street — that one was introduced to the three Rs and such eternal verities as the importance of football.

Occasionally, other sports impinged. At Wincanton one day we watched that great and glorious steeplechaser, Golden Miller. And in summer we used to go over to Taunton, where the sun was always shining and the likes of Arthur Wellard, Bill Andrews, Harold Gimblett, and John "Farmer" White showed us the way cricket should be played.

We had relatives all over Somerset and Dorset, with a preponderance of little old ladies who looked rather like folded umbrellas because they dressed in black from neck to ankles, as if permanently poised between funerals. One such lived at Dorchester, had been acquainted with Thomas Hardy, and hinted that he had been an odd sort of chap.

In that wide education, how lucky we were. But nothing else mattered quite as much as Huish. Four old pennies sufficed for a bag of sweets, admission, a programme, and a "penny-on-the-ball" gamble that earned some lucky investor the right to take home the match ball. There was no charge for the town band's version of "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes".

A memorable day at Huish: The packed crowd celebrates the defeat of first division Sunderland in 1949, one of the greatest upsets in FA Cup history

In those distant days Yeovil and Petters United (the "Town" club had been amalgamated with a team representing a local engineering works) played in the Southern League. Later the works were shifted to Loughborough and the name Yeovil Town was restored.

Huish became the club's home in the 1920-21 season. Now, 70 years and many memories on, a new stadium is being built a five-minute drive away on the Houndstone business park, amid modern housing on the Taunton road. In June, the inner-town Huish ground will recede into history and redevelopment as a supermarket.

The pity is that it did not happen sooner, as the club intended. Roger Brinsford, the general manager and secretary, explains that the main aim is Football League status: "The transition wouldn't be the upheaval for us that it would be for a lot of clubs.

"We're operating as a fourth division club, with a full-time manager [Brian Hall, formerly assistant manager at Wimbledon] and a full-time general manager and secretary. We have moved a lot of our players to this part of the world and found them jobs. And we're operating the Youth Training Scheme.

"But we're restricted here. We've only got 3¾ acres. We're moving to 25 acres." The problems of staging a capacity FA Cup tie had become enormous, he added, because of the increasing safety regulations (even before Hillsborough) and the demands of television.

A proud past to build on: Brian Hall, the manager Yeovil hope can lead them into the Football League in the next few years

"If we were organizing bigger games on a more regular basis we would have severe difficulties. And to get into the Football League you've got to meet a hell of a lot of criteria. We'd have to level the pitch to start with." The drop between the Huish touchlines is eight feet, which is three feet more than the permitted maximum.

"To stay here and get this ground into shape would need a major revamp. We'd virtually have to demolish, and start again. The move to a new stadium was paramount." So the club arranged to sell the site for £2.4 million.

"We had the backing and blessing of the town and district councils," Brinsford says, "and overwhelming support for the move to Houndstone. At that stage we estimated that to develop the whole of the new 25-acre site at one go would have cost us £1.8 million to £1.9 million. We would have had half a million in the bank as a buffer."

But other developers also had plans for Huish and the ensuing public enquiry took more than two years to publish its findings. By that time the cost of doing all the club wanted to do at Houndstone had escalated to about £3.6 million, whereas only a modest increase (from £2.4 million to £2.8 million) could be negotiated for the sale of the Huish site.

"We've had to do a lot of cost-cutting," Brinsford says, "because we'll have to spend at least £2.8 million just to get our stadium and ancillary services. Over the next two or three years we'll have to develop other facilities from the income we generate."

As an example, the cantilever roof that should have run all the way round the ground will temporarily be restricted to the length of the pitch on both sides (2,500 seats on each flank). But the terracing at both ends could easily be converted to seating areas.

All has been designed so that Houndstone can be smoothly refined into the ground Yeovil intended it to be in the first place. The finished product will include a floodlit, all-weather subsidiary surface suitable for training and for a variety of other sports involving the local community.

The design was largely based on that of the new stadium at Scunthorpe. For a time the capacity of Houndstone may be less than 9,000, but it could soon rise to 13,000 or 14,000. "A lot of first division attendances are round about 14,000," Brinsford says. "When we get into the Football League we'll be able to cater for our needs without undue alterations, even if we progress up through the divisions."

Well, football is not what it was before the advent of the one-touch school, long hair, and passionate embraces. Some of the enchantment has gone. But on Monday mornings I still scan the results in search of two names: Yeovil Town and Sheffield Wednesday. Yes, Sheffield Wednesday. That is another story.

RACING

Pukka Major's antics defeat character study

By Christopher Goulding

Even Freud would have been at a loss to explain what goes on in the mind of Pukka Major, one of racing's most unpredictable performers. His Jekyll and Hyde character goes on trial again today in the Sky Blue Handicap Chase at Warwick after his refusal to participate on four occasions.

"I train him on a day-to-day basis and he is happy as Larry," Tim Thomson Jones said yesterday. "I took him to Sandown last Friday and Hywel Davies jumped him off without any problems. Let's hope he does the same at Warwick."

At Newbury recently, Pukka Major mystified his trainer. "I led him in at the start but he knew exactly what was going on," Thomson Jones said. "It was not until he heard the starter's handle releasing the tapes that he stood rigid. Now he knows he can get away with it. The expression on his face is unbelievable when he comes back on his own. It has 'I'm a cheeky horse' written all over it."

Desmond Morris, who has made a study of equine behaviour in his book, *Horsewatching*, questions why more horses do not behave in this way. "It is strange that competitive horses on the track are not more devious in their treatment of their riders. Since many successful horses win time and again, and are repeatedly whipped for their pains, one can only conclude that the fastest racehorses do not possess the brightest brains of the equine world."

Pukka Major was previously under the care of Oliver Sherwood, and has apparently remembered the fact. After getting loose, he returned to his previous stable.

Thomson Jones, who was helped by Pukka Major to win two of his three amateur riders' championships, would, as a last resort, consider returning to the saddle.

"It's very frustrating and it's a problem that looms out of nowhere," Thomson Jones said. "If he was not such a good horse you would be tempted to find something else for him to do.

"But when he is racing he's a real battler. I think the Grand National would be an ideal race for him." Pukka Major no doubt has other ideas.

"Few horses are as completely helpless dealing with their riders as some imagine," Dr Morris said. "It is easy enough for them to learn what is demanded of them and then stubbornly refuse to perform."

Morris recalled the horse's old trick of dislodging an unwanted passenger by galloping under a low branch. In the absence of a convenient tree, Bajan Sunshine unceremoniously dumped Peter Scudamore, the champion jockey, over the final fence at Sandown last season after digging his toes in with the race at his mercy.

"I think it happened because he saw Peter go for his stick," Charlie Brooks, his trainer, said. "He is certainly not ungenuine."

Brooks has tremendous respect for his horses. "They must be happy and need a routine. A horse's intelligence is comparable to humans. Some are remarkably intellegent and others are not.

"Often when a horse goes to the United States and you think the environment won't suit them and yet they end up being brilliant. It is down to a set routine. You must not let a horse become bewildered."

Vodkatini, who has the same aversion to racing as Pukka Major, has been frustrating his trainer, Josh Gifford, with his reluctance to race. "It's impossible to read their minds," said Gifford, whose experience of training spans 20 years. "You can take them hunting and try lots of different ideas and they usually behave themselves. But it's like cricket; you can be brilliant in the nets, but when you get out there in the middle it's a totally different game."

The Findon trainer's frustration soon becomes apparent. "You try and make him happy and then suddenly he goes and turns against you. Funnily enough, I think he behaves worse when he is feeling really well himself and is hyped up. Then he appears to get a mental block."

Gifford, who until recently had become a familiar sight at the start, recalled: "At Ascot last season other horses were playing up and he had plenty of distractions to do the same. But no, he stood there calmly. I led him in and everything looked like it was going to work. But when the starter called them up he just planted himself. He certainly knew what he was doing.

"I am afraid he has become worse," Gifford went on. "We had to put the blinkers on when he last ran because if he refused again he probably would be banned. On that occassion I sent Joe Price, our gallops man, to the start and the horse jumped off.

"Joe got him going as the horse knows him from the home gallops. I told him to wear that big hat so he would recognize him. He always wears it on the gallops when he chases him along.

"But, really, there is no way of understanding what they are thinking. It's certainly nice to have characters, but damned frustrating. If they were all the same it would make the game all rather boring wouldn't it?

EQUESTRIANISM

Sponsors support Burghley series

By Jenny MacArthur

Pet Plan Equestrian is to sponsor the 1990 Burghley Young Event Horse series, a competition designed to find the eventing champions of the future.

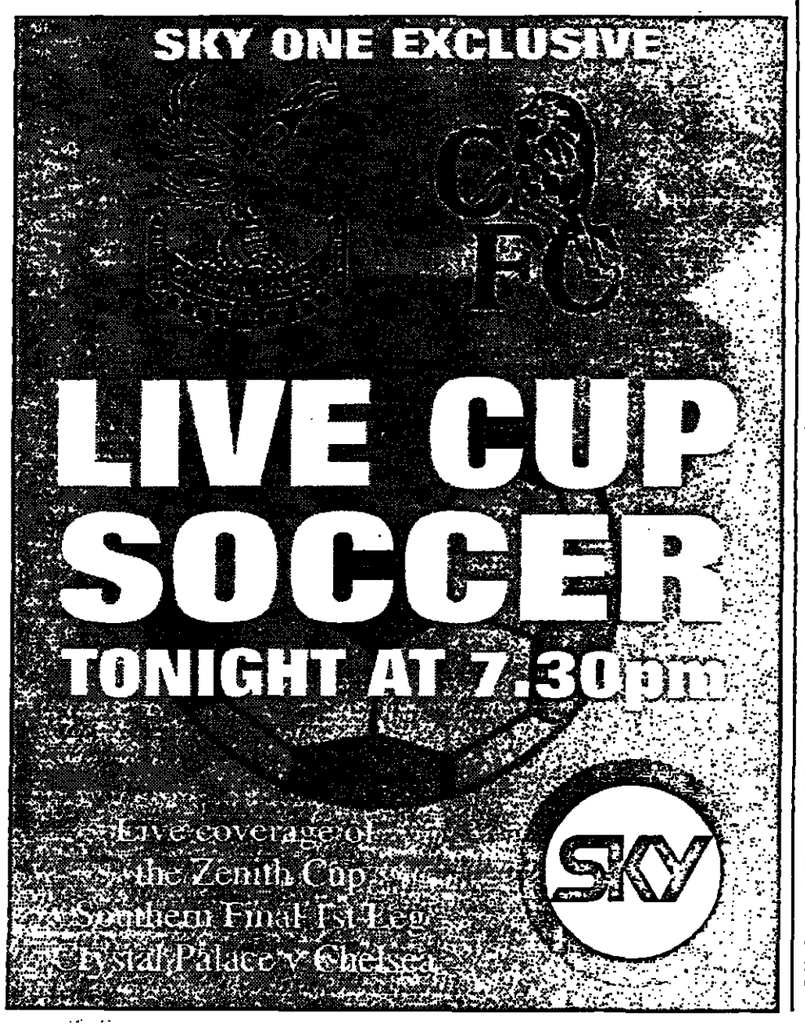
The company, a division of the Pet Plan Group — the largest animal health insurer in Britain — is putting £5,000 into the series, which has nine qualifying rounds. Windsor hosts the first round on 25 May. The final takes place at the Burghley Horse Trials in Lincolnshire on September 7.

The competition, open to four and five-year-old horses, was devised by Bill Henson, the director of Burghley, who recognized the need for such a series to help Britain retain her pre-eminence in the sport. The two age groups are judged separately, each horse performing a simple test.

Henson's brain child was quick to show results. The inaugural competition, in 1987, was won by Pedro the Cruel, ridden by Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the dual Olympic gold medal winner. The pair went on to win the Lions d'Angers three-day event in France later that year.

This year's winners will receive £250, plus a year's free insurance with Pet Plan which, having started its equestrian division in September 1988, insures more than 5,500 horses.

BURGHLEY YOUNG EVENT HORSE QUALIFIERS 1990: May 25: Windsor Horse Trials. May 28: Rutland County Show. June 8: Bramham Horse Trials. July 15: Ashby-de-la-Zouch Show. July 27: Border Union (Kelso) Show. August 2: Honiton Show. August 10: Gatcombe Horse Trials. August 15: Pembrokeshire Show. August 28: Rotherfield Horse Trials.



BBC's rights of way are being eroded

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

The BBC is losing its battle with the Government to prevent new satellite television operators bidding for exclusive coverage of Britain's leading sporting events. Despite assiduous lobbying by BBC executives, led by Paul Fox, the managing director of BBC Television, the Home Office remains convinced that a change is needed to the system of awarding television rights for the big sporting occasions.

BBC and ITV have enjoyed an inbuilt advantage when bidding for the rights to 10 "listed" events, such as Wimbledon tennis, the FA Cup final and the Grand National. Although cable operators could pitch for the rights, BBC and ITV were given the chance to match the cash bid and retain the coverage.

In practice, BBC and ITV have been able to "carve up" the coverage of the leading sports events and pay below the going rate to sporting bodies.

The Broadcasting Bill proposes opening up the system so that Sky and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) and other television operators could win exclusive coverage if they pay the highest amount for rights.

The BBC, which faces losing out more than ITV, insists that television coverage of listed events should be available to most viewers and not be confined to satellite companies which beam programmes to a very small proportion of homes.

David Mellor, the Home Office minister responsible for broadcasting, received a well-intentioned ear-bashing from BBC chiefs when he was a corporation guest at the England-Wales rugby international on Saturday. But he is understood to remain convinced that the Government's sports rights proposals represent a bold and principled move which sporting authorities have welcomed.

The main danger for the Government is a repeat of what happened in West Germany last summer when a small cable television company bought the rights to Wimbledon coverage, thus depriving most of the country's viewers from watching the victories of Becker and Graf.

Mellor and his colleagues are confident that sporting authorities and sponsors of main events will not want to confine coverage to minority channels, and point to the decision by Wimbledon tennis chiefs to rule out exclusive rights going to Sky or BSB.

"I do not think the consequences of these changes will be to drive major sporting events off a major channel," one senior Home Office source said. "It might make some of the negotiations between broadcasters and sporting authorities more even-handed and interesting. The sports bodies have welcomed the opportunity to be able to negotiate on a more open basis."

BADMINTON

Withdrawals hit world title chances

England yesterday suffered two setbacks in their attempt to reach the finals of the Thomas and Uber Cups world team championships in Tokyo in May and June when Andy Goode and Sara Sankey withdrew from this week's preliminary rounds at Villach, Austria (Richard Eaton writes).

Goode, England's leading mixed doubles player, has tendinitis in the knee. Sankey, a women's doubles gold medal winner at the Commonwealth Games, has an ear infection. Helen Troke, resting after losing her Commonwealth title in Auckland, had already pulled out of Villach, where England begin playing tomorrow.

Cheryl Johnson has been brought in for Sankey. No replacement has been named for Goode.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Fifth round replays
Barnsley v Sheffield Utd (7.45)
Cambridge Utd v Bristol City
Everton v Oldham
QPR v Blackpool

Barclays League
First division
Tottenham v Aston Villa (7.45)

Second division
West Brom v Leicester

Zenith Data Systems Cup
Southern Area
Semi-final
Crystal Palace v Chelsea (7.40)

Leyland Daf Cup
Quarter-final
Hereford v Notts County
Maidstone v Exeter (8.0)

B and Q Scottish League
First division
Alloa v Partick
Clyde v Raith
Falkirk v Clydebank

Second division
East Stirling v Montrose

GM Vauxhall Conference
Boston v Macclesfield
Farnborough Town v Cheltenham

AC DELCO CUP: Fourth round: Chesham v St Albans.
WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: Fourth round, second leg: VS Rugby v Atherstone, Bashley v Ashford.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle v Liverpool. Second division (7.0): Bolton v Mansfield; Grimsby v Wigan; Port Vale v Scunthorpe; Wolves v Preston; York v Burnley.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v QPR (7.15); Fulham v Luton (2.0); Oxford v Chelsea.
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Second division north: Aveley v Royston Town; Vauxhall Motors v Billericay Town.
FA VASE: Fifth round: Abingdon Town v Hythe Town.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Congleton Town v Curzon Ashton; Radcliffe Borough v Farsley Celtic; Whitley Bay v Lancaster City.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Cambridge Univ v Penguins (7.15); Civil Service v Royal Navy (2.30pm); Lydney v RAF (7.0); Northern v Newcastle Univ (2.30), Oxford Univ v Anti-Assassins (3.0); Rugby v Nuneaton (7.15); The Army v Met Police (3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Sheffield Eagles v Ryedale-York.
STUDENTS CUP FINAL: Lancaster University v Leeds Polytechnic (Huddersfield).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Embassy world indoor singles and pairs championships (Preston).
SNOOKER: British Open (Derby).
SQUASH: Leekes Welsh Classic (Cardiff).

SPORT ON TV

BASKETBALL: Eurosport: 9.0-11.0am. Men's semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup. Screensport: 8.30-10.0am. North Carolina v Virginia.
BOXING: Screensport: 7.0-8.0am, 6.0-7.30pm and 9.30-11.0pm.
FOOTBALL: Sky One: 7.30-9.30pm. Zenith Data Systems Cup semi-final from Crystal Palace. Eurosport: 11.0am-1.0pm and 10.0-midnight. Action from Europe. Eurosport: 1.0-2.0pm. European indoor championship from Paris.
GOLF: Screensport: 7.30-9.30pm. Sheerson Lehman Hutton Open from San Diego.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport: 2.15-4.15pm. NHL action.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport: 2.0-3.0pm. 1989 Formula One motor racing and motorcycling grands prix. Screensport: 12.15-2.15pm. 24 hours of Daytona. Screensport: 11.0-midnight. 1990 Swedish Rally.
SKI JUMPING: Eurosport: 90m and 120m events from Val di Fiemme, Italy.
SNOOKER: Eurosport: 4.0-5.0pm. Benson and Hedges Masters.
SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.0-11.25pm. FA Cup fifth round replays.
SWIMMING: Eurosport: 3.0-4.0pm. European Cup from Spain.

FOOTBALL

Durham end the stalemate

Schools football
by George Chesterton

Durham Sixth Form College defeated Scarborough Technical College 3-0 in the Barclays under-19 competition, but they left it late in their replay match before they did so.

With another replay looking likely and Dunne marshalling a solid defence for Scarborough, Thompson picked up a through-ball and chipped it neatly out of the goalkeeper's reach to make it 1-0. Minutes later, Dumphy headed in from a corner and Thompson had another, scoring with his head from a free kick.

Westminster were 2-0 up at half-time when they entertained UCS, these goals coming from Cleland and Scimone. The latter made it 3-0 shortly after the interval. UCS reduced this lead twice from the penalty spot but 3-2 was the final score, an especially satisfactory result for Schatzman, the Westminster captain, playing for the first time of the season after a persistent knee injury.

Oratory won both matches on their first overseas tour when they visited The Netherlands during half-term. In the first match, against **Quicksteps FC**, which they won 4-1, Clarke scored twice from short range, while the third goal, by Huntridge, was a long drive from well outside the penalty area. Hasher had the fourth when he back-heeled over the line from a yard or two out.

Clarke scored two goals in their 4-3 victory over SG Sloterpark in Amsterdam. Birchenough and Giles were the other scorers.

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Pembrokeshire Lad to atone for fall

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Pembrokeshire Lad, trained by Richard Lee, appeals as a sporting bet to win the Brettanby Handicap Chase at Catterick Bridge today even though he fell last time out. He is my nap.

On that occasion he was going conspicuously well in the race won by Rubika at Wolverhampton when he misjudged the fifth last fence and paid the penalty. The race showed that Pembrokeshire Lad has lost none of his zest, even though he was absent all last season.

The season before he had won twice, first at Wolverhampton and then at Doncaster, where he accounted for Ballyhane and Nautical Joke at level weights. On that form he is leniently treated here with only 10st 11lb as he will be getting 17lb from Nautical Joke.

Even if Pembrokeshire Lad was flattered by that Doncaster win, he still ran well enough at Bangor subsequently when third to Handy Trick and Gala's Image to suggest that he can capitalize on his current rating.

The greatest danger today is supplied by Handy Trick's trainer Arthur Stephenson, who will be saddling The Wilk in addition to Nautical Joke. When he beat Withy Bank by half a length to win the Catterick Grand National Trial 11 days ago he was recording his sixth victory on the sharp North Yorkshire track. But he was carrying only 10st that day, and with another 13lb in the saddle this time the handicapper may have his measure.

Alistairs Girl, who also won that day, can follow up by landing the Leyburn Novices' Chase.

Otherwise it could easily pay to follow the stylish Mark Dwyer on **Rostherne** (1.45), **Uncle Ernie** (3.45) and **Tactico** (4.15).

At Warwick, John Poynton, the chairman of Coventry City Football Club, will be keen to win the Sky Blue Handicap Chase again with Raise An Argument. Two years ago his hopes were realized when Raise An Argument beat Pommardy by eight lengths, but 12 months ago they went unfulfilled when he was beaten a length by Auntie Dot.

They could well be thwarted again, this time by **Midnight Train**, just as long as he does not break a blood vessel again. At Leicester last Thursday, Midnight Train proved what he is capable of when nothing goes wrong when he won by 25 lengths.

Last year the irrepressible Martin Pipe supplied the winner of the Coventry City Novices' Trial Hurdle when Sayfar's Lad, who went on to win the Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham, scored in devastating style.

Even though Run For Free, his candidate this time, has won twice at Cheltenham this winter, I still doubt him being able to cope with either File Concord or Kameo Style.

Good horse that File Concord is, I still prefer **Kameo Style**, 12 lengths ahead of the remainder when just failing to give 22lb to Coworth Park, himself an easy winner the time before, in a handicap at Sandown in January.

Finally, Garrison Savannah, High Ham Blues, Knight Oil and Party Politics, all winners last time, could easily find that Mita Easton's consistent mare **Last House** is too much of a handful at the weights in the Highfield Road Novices' Chase.

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Eastern Destiny.
2.00 Dawn Prince.
2.30 Midnight Train.
3.00 Kameo Style.
3.30 Last House.
4.00 Bold Illusion.
4.30 Crown And Horns.

By Michael Seely
3.00 Kameo Style. 3.30 Garrison Savannah.
Brian Beel's selection: 1.30 Eastern Destiny.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft

1.30 TOWN OF WARWICK HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,744: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 12310-1 EASTERN DESTINY 15 (CD,S) (E Griffith) Mrs J Griffith 12-12-8 .... A Griffith (7) ● 99
2 41122-1 TRUE BLOOM 8 (CD,S) (G Tarry) G Tarry 11-12-8 .... G Tarry (7) 92
3 2/24PF-P MATCHPLAY 15 (B,CD,G,S) (G Pidgeon) G Pidgeon 12-12-2 .... J Trice-Rolph (7) 96
4 P35U43- COUNT FREDERICK 337 (F) (R Cross) S Dow 10-11-9 .... B Clifford (7) 73
5 PPP/P DIRECTOR PLEASE 15 (Mrs P Ayley) Mrs G Jones 7-11-9 .... P Ward (7) —
6 30/ KATES STAR 1386 (W Caudwell) W Caudwell 10-11-9 .... W Caudwell (7) —
7 255-2 MOOR SCOPE 8 (J White) J White 8-11-9 .... Miss J Barrow (7) 93
8 5/ RED MORGAN 1370 (J Tredwell) J Tredwell 13-11-9 .... Miss C Tredwell (7) —
9 RUGGESSTINO (A Sanderson) A Sanderson 9-11-9 .... — —
10 00540/ STAR SHINER 517 (Mrs J Fogarty) Mrs J Fogarty 7-11-9 .... L Fogarty (7) —
11 45/F04F- LADY WESTGATE 267 (R Shepherd) R Shepherd 6-11-4 .... Mrs C Smallman (7) —

BETTING: 5-4 True Bloom, 3-1 Eastern Destiny, 5-1 Moor Scope, 7-1 Matchplay, 8-1 Count Frederick, 16-1 others.

1989: TRUE BLOOM 10-11-9 Mr G Tarry (20-1) G Tarry 9 ran

FORM FOCUS EASTERN DESTINY beat Brockhill Boy by 15l over course and distance (soft) with MATCHPLAY was tailed off when pulling up 2 out and DIRECTOR PLEASE also pulled up.
TRUE BLOOM, goes well in the soft, beat MOOR SCOPE (1lb worse off) by 1½l at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, soft). Can confirm the form. MOOR SCOPE 3½l 5th to to Sweet Rascal at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm) and may need further. COUNT FREDERICK 12l 3rd to Karlwak at Fontwell (3m 2f).
Selection: TRUE BLOOM

2.0 OLD FIVE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,003: 2m 5f) (11 runners)

1 0120-00 SOMEBODY 32 (B,S) (C Cheesman) J White 6-11-10 .... Mr G Upton (3) 96
2 11-PF00 KNIGHTON LAD 9 (G,S) (J South) O Sherwood 9-11-3 .... J Osborne 95
3 P/050-00 ESKIMO MITE 12 (G) (P Byrne) J Jenkins 6-11-1 .... D Murphy 98
4 0-41F45 TRUE SPARTAN 22 (C,BF,S) (T Eckley) G Price 10-10-11 .... Mr D Duggan (7) ● 99
5 25/4-5F0 BIETSCHHORN HUT 12 (G,S) (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 8-10-6 .... M Richards —
6 5PF26-5 DAWN PRINCE 13 (F) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre) M Pipe 7-10-5 .... P Scudamore 93
7 0-2F2SF DANDY MINSTREL 71 (B,S) (W Robins) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-4 .... M Bowlby 88
8 P0/655 TELEMETER GEM 15 (S) (Telemeter Engineering Ltd) R Fisher 9-10-0 .... R Dunwoody 84
9 5-00045 LOST ART 12 (B,F,S) (Group 1 Racing (1989) Ltd) M Charles 7-10-0 .... J Lodder (3) 88
10 0016/P-P ARTESIUM 30 (CD,F) (R Fox) M Wilkinson 8-10-0 .... P Kelly (7) —
11 P-P NO RANSOM 16 (S) (W Thomas) D Wintle 10-10-0 .... — —

Long handicap: Telemeter Gem 9-7, Lost Art 8-13, Artesium 8-11, No Ransom 8-3.
BETTING: 7-4 Dawn Prince, 5-2 Dandy Minstrel, 9-2 True Spartan, 8-1 Knighton Lad, 12-1 Lost Art, 14-1 Telemeter Gem, 16-1 others.

1989: MORE FOOL YOU 7-10-0 S Earle (14-1) K Bishop 13 ran

FORM FOCUS SOMEBODY has disappointed on both starts this season but had some fair form last term, notably when beating the Humble Tiller 5l at Folkestone (2m 6f, good to soft).
KNIGHTON LAD, disappointing 9th of 22 to Invasion at Nottingham (2m 6f, heavy). Would come into the reckoning if returning to the form of a 7l defeat of Noel Luck at Haydock (2m 6f, soft) last term.
TRUE SPARTAN ran well below par when a well-beaten favourite at Leicester (2m, soft); earlier put up better effort when beating Norquay 7l at Haydock (2m, heavy).
DAWN PRINCE finished 30l 5th of 13 to Va Lute at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) and may be suited by faster ground. TELEMETER GEM one-paced 11½ 5th to Smithonian at Carlisle (3m, good). LOST ART running on 4½l 5th to Parentus at Lingfield (2m 4f, AW).
Selection: KNIGHTON LAD

2.30 SKY BLUE HANDICAP CHASE (£7,035: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 U3B-42U MIDNIGHT COUNT 11 (G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 10-12-0 .... Peter Hobbs 93
2 12-1RRP PUKKA MAJOR 11 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs S T-Jones) T Thomson Jones 9-11-13 .... H Davies 96
3 254-P31 RAISE AN ARGUMENT 19 (CD,G,S) (J Poynton) J J O'Neill 11-10-13 .... J Osborne 90
4 2-23P44 CENTRE ATTRACTION 11 (D,F,G,S) (N Mason) G Richards 11-10-5 .... L O'Hara (5) 96
5 1F3P41 MIDNIGHT TRAIN 6 (D,G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-5 (7ex) .... B de Haan ● 99
6 11/333-F WIGGBURN 110 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Butler) Mrs A Hewitt 11-10-1 .... B Powell 89
7 220211 MULTUM IN PARVO 23 (D,F,S) (A Parker) J Edwards 7-10-0 .... N Williamson (3) 97
8 5-64352 RADICAL REQUEST 23 (G,S) (Mrs C Barclay) Graeme Roe 7-10-0 84
9 1P3-433 ONLY TROUBLE 44 (D,S) (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 9-10-0 .... R Dunwoody 76

Long handicap: Multum In Parvo 9-3, Radical Request 9-2, Only Trouble 9-0.
BETTING: 13-8 Midnight Count, 7-2 Raise An Argument, 9-2 Midnight Train, 6-1 Pukka Major, 8-1 Multum In Parvo, 16-1 Centre Attraction, 25-1 others.

1989: AUNTIE DOT 8-10-6 G Mernagh (11-2) J Webber 8 ran

FORM FOCUS MIDNIGHT COUNT was flattered when 3l 2nd to Bishops Yarn at Haydock (2m 4f, heavy) and although a top-class performer on his day has jumped poorly and run below form in his starts this term.
PUKKA MAJOR, winner of a good race at Kempton (2m 4f, good) on seasonal debut, but has refused on his last three starts. RAISE AN ARGUMENT ran on to beat Cool Strike by ¾l at Kelso (2m 119yd, good to soft) latest with CENTRE ATTRACTION (8lb better off) 7l 4th. Should be much better suited by this longer trip and is on a very reasonable mark at present. MIDNIGHT TRAIN returned to winning ways when easily beating Ballinaveen by 25l at Leicester (2m 4f, soft) and is an improving. MULTUM IN PARVO was highly impressive in beating RADICAL REQUEST (8lb better off) 30l at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft).
Selection: RAISE AN ARGUMENT.

3.0 COVENTRY CITY NOVICES TRIAL HURDLE (Listed race: £7,067: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

1 622002 CASTLE WINDOWS 34 (F,G,S) (N Jones) Mrs G Jones 7-11-12 .... J Bryan —
2 42-2111 RUN FOR FREE 51 (F) (R Freethy) M Pipe 6-11-12 .... P Scudamore ● 99
3 53-11 FILE CONCORD 32 (G,S) (Jet Stationery Company Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-9 M Pitman 86
4 121112 KAMEO STYLE 46 (BF,F,G,S) (BF) (Three Counties Ltd) F Jordan 7-11-9 .... J Lodder 96
5 1-512 DUNTREE 12 (S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-6 .... R Dunwoody 78
6 3/0002-1 HOLY JOE 13 (S) (T Pilkington) A J Wilson 8-11-6 .... A Webb 67
7 01 PROUD CREST 20 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) O Sherwood 6-11-6 .... J Osborne 70
8 PUP5 BEACH TIGER 12 (Mrs A Garrett) J King 6-11-0 .... J White 61
9 22 BURGOYNE 48 (BF) (P Savill) M H Easterby 4-10-5 .... L Wyer 83

BETTING: 2-1 Run For Free, 5-2 Kameo Style, 4-1 File Concord, 11-2 Proud Crest, 12-1 Duntree, 14-1 others.

1989: SAYFAR'S LAD 5-11-9 P Scudamore (9-4) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS RUN FOR FREE made all to beat The Milroy 4l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm).
FILE CONCORD faced simple task when beating Nicknavar 10l at Kempton (2m 4f, good); earlier pushed clear to beat Remittance Man 8l at Huntingdon (2m 4f, soft). KAMEO STYLE lost nothing in defeat when 2l 2nd to Coworth Park at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good). DUNTREE ran on to be 2½l 2nd of 22 to Devil's Valley at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, heavy) with BEACH TIGER 18½l away in 5th. PROUD CREST made a few errors but was ridden clear to beat Moze Tidy 8l at Towcester (2m, good to soft). BURGOYNE stayed on under strong pressure to finish 3l 2nd of 8 to Leigh Boy at Ayr (2m, soft).
Selection: RUN FOR FREE

3.30 HIGHFIELD ROAD NOVICES CHASE (£7,132: 3m 1f) (9 runners)

1 0/4P-512 BOLD LAMENT 29 (BF,G,S) (Lord Swaythling) N Henderson 9-11-7 .... J White 70
2 81-3521 GARRISON SAVANNAH 13 (B,D,G,S) (Autofour) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-7 .... M Pitman 91
3 111111 HIGH HAM BLUES 28 (D,F,G,S) (D Crates) D Barons 8-11-7 .... S Earle 87
4 3P-1211 KNIGHT OIL 11 (F,S) (R A Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 7-11-7 .... J Osborne 82
5 FP1 PARTY POLITICS 15 (C,S) (O Stoddart) N Gaselee 6-11-7 .... A Adams 80
6 U82/P6 BRIDGETOWN LAD 9 (V Rabin) J McConnochie 9-11-2 .... R Dunwoody —
7 005-1 CORUSCATE 109 (G) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-2 .... R Rowe —
8 003/PF0 FLEMISH FUDGE 22 (Mrs D Gardiner) Miss H Knight 8-11-2 .... J Duggan 71
9 102122 LAST HOUSE 14 (F,G,S) (Mrs M Easton) Mrs M Easton 7-11-2 .... P Harley ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Last House, 3-1 Knight Oil, 4-1 Garrison Savannah, 6-1 Party Politics, 8-1 High Ham Blues, 10-1 Coruscate, 12-1 Bold Lament, 14-1 others.

1989: PHAROAH'S LAEN 8-11-7 P Scudamore (7-2) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS BOLD LAMENT was caught on the run-in when 1l 2nd of 15 to Just So at Chepstow (3m, heavy).
GARRISON SAVANNAH impressive winner at Wincanton (3m 1f, good to soft) beating Mandraki Shuffle 25l.
HIGH HAM BLUES completed a six-timer when making all to beat Arctic Call 7l at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, good). KNIGHT OIL needed strong driving to land odds of ½l at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft) beating Capeli Cone 2l.
PARTY POLITICS showed much improved form to beat Romany King, a winner since, 10l at Warwick (2m 4f, soft). LAST HOUSE excelled in good company at Ascot (3m, soft) running on to finish 15l 2nd of 7 to Royal Athlete.
Selection: LAST HOUSE

4.0 PEUGEOT HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,886: 2m) (17 runners)

1 82-6622 SWEET CITY 14 (D,S) (D Little) G Richards 5-11-10 .... L O'Hara (5) 92
2 13231-0 RUN HIGH 6 (D,S) (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 7-11-5 .... D Murphy 88
3 221-025 SMART PERFORMER 11 (D,G,S) (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 5-11-5 .... G McCourt 96
4 23-3P01 SHERWOOD GUNNER 11 (D,G,S) (G Holden) O Brennan 8-11-2 .... M Brennan 97
5 042011 FOUJITA 28 (D,F,G,S) (B Winfield) Miss S Wilton 5-11-1 .... S Davies (5) ● 99
6 600-211 GANOON 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Morris) P Hedger 7-10-12 .... M Richards 96
7 41/4121 VA LUTE 13 (D,F,S) (Castle Farm Stud) R Holder 6-10-11 .... N Mann (5) 98
8 P20-500 TAKE ISSUE 8 (D,S) (R Flower) J Sutcliffe 5-10-10 .... Dale McKeown 95
9 350-U45 WONDER BEE 90 (D,F,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 7-10-9 .... B Powell 90
10 1/31-51 BOLD ILLUSION 54 (CD,F,G,S) (H Thursfield) M Eckley 12-10-9 .... J Lodder 92
11 04130- RED HACKLE 342 (D,S) (R Freethy) M Pipe 5-10-7 .... P Scudamore 85
12 50-5U14 TITUS GOLD 11 (V,D,S) (A Dickinson) M Dickinson 5-10-6 .... — 93
13 2215P5 GOLD TINT 49 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs A Mulligan) T McGovern 5-10-4 .... P Corrigan 93
14 4-00016 GURTEEN BOY 11 (D,BF,S) (J Lane) J J O'Neill 8-10-4 .... R Supple 90
15 03/025 CAPULET 28 (D,BF,S) (I Fry) C James 7-10-3 .... J Shortt 86
16 2106-05 VERSATILE 13 (D,S) (Mrs P Sherwood) N Henderson 6-10-0 .... R Dunwoody 91
17 04/00 FERNANDO 37 (D Codling) A Turnell 6-10-0 .... R Boucher (7) —

Long handicap: Versatile 9-10, Fernando 8-10.
BETTING: 9-4 Foujita, 3-1 Ganoon, 5-1 Va Lute, 6-1 Red Hackle, 8-1 Smart Performer, 12-1 Sherwood Gunner, 14-1 others.

1989: TRAVEL MYSTERY 6-10-1 P Scudamore (6-4 fav) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS SWEET CITY ran on to be 3l 2nd of 22 to Celtic Barle at Ascot (2m 4f, soft). SHERWOOD GUNNER stayed on strongly to beat Fisherman's Croft 12l at Catterick (2m, good).
FOUJITA quickened clear to beat Battalion 10l at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft) with CAPULET 19l away in 5th.
GANOON was not extended when making all to defeat Monk's Mistake 10l at Windsor (2m 30yd, soft).
VA LUTE was pushed out to beat Starling Silver 7l at Wincanton (2m, good to soft) with below-form VERSATILE a distant 6th.
BOLD ILLUSION made most and was well clear when making a mistake at the last over course and distance (good) beating Mountain Man 5l with CAPULET a distant 9th. RED HACKLE, has changed stables, showed best when ridden to beat Winged Pharaoh 2½l at Nottingham (2m, soft) last season.
Selection: BOLD ILLUSION

4.30 EXECUTIVE BOX NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,772: 2m) (13 runners)

1 05 SPANISH MOU 60 (M Eckley) M Eckley 5-12-7 .... D Oldershaw (7) —
2 000-123 M I BABE 35 (D,F) (T Kay) Mrs I McKie 5-11-10 .... R Beggan 98
3 3P111 SLEEPLINE ROYALE 16 (D,G,S) (Sleepline Holdings) R Holder 4-11-6 .... N Mann (7) 92
4 130120 STAY AWAKE 18 (D,F,G) (A Donnellon) J J O'Neill 4-11-3 .... R Supple 95
5 052-6F0 NORWICH CASTLE 9 (I Jones) F Jordan 6-11-3 .... J Lodder 90
6 0434-20 DURZI 78 (BF) (White Horse Racing Ltd) C C Elsey 5-11-0 .... R Dunwoody 98
7 P03 SPINNEY LIGHT 23 (P Mann) W Mann 7-10-11 .... W Humphreys (3) ● 99
8 056160 SOCIAL CIRCLE 9 (D,G) (N Smith) N Smith 5-10-8 .... T Pinfield (5) 92
9 65-45 BIZAGE MOTORS 74 (B Nadir) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-7 .... M Bowlby 88
10 363053 CROWN AND HORNS 13 (Miss S Stott) Mrs J Retter 8-10-5 .... B Powell 95
11 0600P-0 JIMSTRO 16 (R Bennett) D Wintle 5-10-0 .... — —
12 P4P/P-0 KING UNIVERSE 41 (Mrs I Miller) S Fisher 9-10-0 .... P Davies (7) —
13 2P680- INDIAN SET 95F (J Halsey) J Edwards 6-10-0 .... D Tegg —

Long handicap: Jimstro 9-4, King Universe 9-2, Indian Set 9-0.
BETTING: 5-4 Sleepline Royale, 3-1 Stay Awake, 4-1 M I Babe, 8-1 Indian Set, 14-1 Durzi, 16-1 others.

1989: ROYAL ASTRONAUT 5-11-10 Dale McKeown (7-4 fav) R Akehurst 17 ran

FORM FOCUS M I BABE was a one-paced 9½l 3rd of 13 to Villa Recos at Windsor (2m, good).
SLEEPLINE ROYALE completed a treble in claiming company when staying on strongly to beat Hiram B Birdbath 5l at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft).
DURZI, a distant 9th behind Bolshoi Boy at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm); earlier 5l 2nd of 14 to Big Red at Wincanton (2m, firm). SPINNEY LIGHT showed improved form at Southwell (2m, AW), staying on strongly to finish 6½l 3rd of 15 to Kenilworth Castle. CROWN AND HORNS ran on well when ½l 3rd of 20 to Holy Joe at Wincanton (2m, good to soft).
Selection: SPINNEY LIGHT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Gifford	4	13	30.8	M Pitman	10	38	26.3
M Pipe	23	99	23.2	R Rowe	4	18	22.2
Mrs J Pitman	18	86	20.9	Mr G Upton	3	14	21.4
N Henderson	11	55	20.0	P Scudamore	22	121	18.2
G Price	4	20	20.0	R Beggan	5	30	16.7
O Sherwood	10	52	19.2	M Bowlby	5	30	16.7

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Rostherne.
2.15 Alistairs Girl.
2.45 Primrose Star.
3.15 PEMBROKESHIRE LAD (nap).
3.45 Uncle Ernie.
4.15 Tactico.
4.45 Smith's Cracker.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 UNCLE ERNIE.

Going: good

1.45 WENSLEY NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,360: 2m) (13 runners)

1 2134 TRIPLE TOP 26 (CD,G) (B Roberts) Miss L Siddall 5-11-11 .... A J Quinn ● 99
2 P024/P- AVENIO 403 (Mrs E Richardson) G Moore 6-11-4 .... P Niven —
3 0-P HAPPY CAVALIER 11 (I Dowse) R Barr 5-11-4 .... Mr S Swiers —
4 251021 KHARIF 82 (D,F,G) (R Allan) R Allan 6-11-4 .... J Callaghan (7) 98
5 0-20034 LEANDER LAD 18 (R Billingsley) D McCain 5-11-4 .... C Grant 95
6 PRINCE CEVA (J Hamilton) G Richards 5-11-4 .... N Doughty —
7 RODOMONT 473F (Marquesa de Moratalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4 .... D Byrne —
8 0/2- ROSTHERNE 441 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-4 .... M Dwyer 94
9 P-640FS GRACE BECK 14 (B) (Mrs P Stead) P Beaumont 5-10-13 .... P A Farrell —
10 BLUE GRIT 120F (C Wilson) R Dods 4-10-8 .... B Storey —
11 PP00 DINSDALE LAD 32 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Barnes 4-10-8 .... K Jones —
12 P0 FINAL PLAYER 28 (J Abell) M W Easterby 4-10-8 .... C Ryan (7) 80
13 ANGELS KISS 123F (Mrs J Lynne Robson) Mrs J Robson 4-10-3 .... R Garritty (5) —

BETTING: 5-2 Kharif, 11-4 Rostherne, 7-2 Triple Top, 8-1 Rodomont, Leander Lad, 10-1 Prince Ceva, 16-1 others.

1989: TOPEKA EXPRESS 6-11-0 R Fahey (13-2) C Tinkler 15 ran

2.15 LEYBURN NOVICES CHASE (£2,228: 2m) (11 runners)

1 33212U BEAU GUEST 14 (D,F,G) (W Sellers) J Parkes 8-11-9 .... N Smith (7) 96
2 1004P1 ALISTAIRS GIRL 11 (CD,G,S) (Miss E Reed) W Reed 7-11-4 .... T Reed ● 99
3 03/453-B FAMOUS LAD 29 (W George) R Lee 7-11-2 .... B Dowling —
4 0UU530 LINGHAM DUKE 11 (J Swiers) J Swiers 9-11-2 .... Mr N Wilson (7) 86
5 F0-1P53 MIZAJ 51 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (W Marshall) G Richards 6-11-2 .... N Doughty —
6 P230P/ PINK PANTHER 763 (D McCain) D McCain 10-11-2 .... Mr D McCain (7) —
7 04-1222 ROCKMARTIN 14 (F,S) (D Gill) J Johnson 8-11-2 .... B Storey 90
8 302-040 WESTERN REVIVAL 57 (F) (W Tinning) W Tinning 8-11-2 .... K Jones 69
9 YORK IMPERIAL (B Gee) B Gee 9-11-2 .... Mr P Gee —
10 0-FP OAKLANDS GREY 11 (R Russ) Miss S Williamson 8-10-11 .... Miss S Williamson —
11 06P-U02 MR THERM 36 (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 5-10-7 .... J Railton (5) 85

BETTING: 6-4 Beau Guest, 9-4 Alistairs Girl, 4-1 Rockmartin, 8-1 Mizaj, 12-1 Mr Therm, 20-1 others.

1989: MAREJO 8-11-4 B Storey (6-4 fav) F Walton 9 ran

2.45 RIPON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,884: 2m) (16 runners)

1 3155-U GALLOWAY RAIDER 12 (S) (J Blanchi) Denys Smith 6-12-1 .... D Crossman 98
2 10/0310 FLEET FOOTED 61 (D,F,S) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-9 .... R Hodge 97
3 56203F PRINCIPAL 11 (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-7 .... D Byrne ● 99
4 31-0002 CRACKLE MOOR 11 (B,D,S) (D Travers-Clark) M W Easterby 5-11-6 .... C Ryan 91
5 05-00 CAPTAIN CUTE 11 (Mrs R Barr) R Barr 5-11-6 .... P Midgeley 81
6 1F2343 PRIMROSE STAR 36 (CD,F) (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-4 .... S O'Donovan 95
7 6/00F0-0 COPPER MARKET 11 (Mrs B Charnley) Mrs R Wharton 7-11-3 .... C Dennis —
8 00 BIG CHIEF 11 (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 5-11-1 .... A J Quinn —
9 0-5 PRINCE ENGELBERT 11 (Miss L Whitten) J Parkes 5-11-1 .... N Smith 95
10 6/ SIR PERCY 95F (I Farini) Mrs N Macauley 7-11-1 .... R Garritty —
11 SOLEIL EXPRESS (Mrs M Taylor) J Czerpak 4-10-13 .... B McGiff —
12 P000-P0 LITTLE HANNAH 11 (B) (W Smith) W Smith 7-10-12 .... P Barnard —
13 F-PPPP0 CRESTINA CROSSETT 11 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 8-10-10 .... N Roche —
14 0 SAY SHANAZ 8 (T Robertson) J Czerpak 4-10-6 .... D Cooney —
15 0P00P BORUFUS 18 (N Coley) R Thompson 4-10-5 .... S Harris —
16 00 FULL OF PORT 18 (H Harpur-Crewe) T Donnelly 4-10-4 .... J H Burke —

BETTING: 5-2 Principal, 11-4 Primrose Star, 5-1 Fleet Footed, 7-1 Crackle Moor, 10-1 others.

1989: NAP MAJESTICA 8-11-7 S Turner (9-2) K Morgan 18 ran

3.15 BRETTANBY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,280: 3m 1f 80yd) (7 runners)

1 514153 BALUCHI 8 (F,G,S) (D Squire) B Preece 9-12-0 .... J Callaghan (7) 94
2 11-1136 NAUTICAL JOKE 18 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 11-12-0 .... Mr K Johnson (5) 96
3 351/112- RAISABILLION 491 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs S Blane) G Moore 8-11-0 .... P Niven 86
4 315411 THE WILK 11 (CD,F,G,S) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 11-10-13 .... C Grant ● 99
5 5BU34/F PEMBROKESHIRE LAD 16 (D,S) (T Warner) R Lee 9-10-11 .... B Dowling —
6 142568 DORONICUM 4 (F,G,S) (Dr Kenneth S Fraser) G Richards 11-10-9 .... M Moloney 93
7 1-F313P SEE YOU THERE 25 (CD,F,S) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-6 .... M Dwyer 97

BETTING: 11-4 The Wilk, 7-2 See You There, 9-2 Nautical Joke, 6-1 Baluchi, 10-1 others.

1989: SHERPHERD'S HYMN 8-10-11 P Niven (4-6 fav) P Blockley 4 ran

3.45 WENSLEY NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,360: 2m) (15 runners)

1 316362 CLIPPERS DREAM 12 (CD,F) (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 7-11-11 .... B Dalton (7) 86
2 613 UNCLE ERNIE 43 (D,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-11 .... M Dwyer ● 99
3 00-00P BALLYBELL 12 (T Gledson) J Gledson 5-11-4 .... T Reed —
4 30/F- BINFIELD EXPRESS 350 (M Holmes) G Richards 9-11-4 .... N Doughty —
5 P-35P FAME AND GLORY 14 (A Dinger) J Parkes 5-11-4 .... N Smith (7) 75
6 6 FERNANDO REYES 30 (P Spottiswood) J Charlton 5-11-4 .... B Storey 82
7 00-0540 HUMDECOLA 13 (J Rider) B Preece 5-11-4 .... A Juckes (7) 85
8 1/056- LORDSHIP 123F (J Millican) M Barnes 5-11-4 .... P Niven 94
9 0-6P00 MOORLANDER 40 (Mrs J Tinning) W Tinning 5-11-4 .... K Jones —
10 0005-05 TOUGH COOKIE 95 (Alan Munro (Electrical Contractors) Ltd) R Allan 5-11-4 .... R Marley 73
11 MEINE VONNE LADY 127F (B Scowcroft) D McCain 5-10-13 .... C Grant —
12 ELDER PRINCE 165F (W Pratt) M H Easterby 4-10-8 .... R Garritty (5) —
13 CHANGE GUARD 268F (E Stenton) R Robinson 4-10-3 .... D Condell —
14 8 MEANIE MINNA 14 (Mrs E Carberry) J Norton 4-10-3 .... S Woods (5) —
15 22 NATIVE SCOT 32 (T Hooper) F Lee 4-10-3 .... C Hawkins 85

BETTING: 7-4 Uncle Ernie, 3-1 Native Scot, 5-1 Elder Prince, 6-1 Clippers Dream, 8-1 Humdecola, 10-1 Fame And Glory, 14-1 Lordship, 20-1 others.

1989: GUNNER'S HILL 4-10-8 J J Quinn (7-2) K Stone 14 ran

4.15 GRETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,346: 2m) (6 runners)

1 342213 MAREJO 15 (CD,BF,S) (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 9-11-10 .... B Storey 95
2 1022F2 TACTICO 15 (D,BF,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 8-11-9 .... M Dwyer ● 99
3 212210 RINGMORE 11 (CD,F,G) (W Sellers) J Parkes 8-11-2 .... N Smith (7) 92
4 000-314 OISINS CASTLE 36 (D,G,S) (G Tobitt) J Johnson 11-10-6 .... T Reed 93
5 2-31534 KERSIL 12 (CD,F,G,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 13-10-3 .... A Orkney 91
6 433233 STRAIGHT DOWN 32 (CD,F,G) (Mrs P Barker) Mrs P Barker 13-10-2 .... C Hawkins 97

BETTING: 13-8 Tactico, 5-2 Marejo, 9-2 Ringmore, 6-1 Oisins Castle, 10-1 Straight Down, 16-1 Kersil.

1989: JODY'S BOY 8-11-6 Mr S Swiers (4-1) R Swiers 6 ran

4.45 AYSGARTH NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,360: 2m) (21 runners)

1 U ALMA GOLD 109 (D Harrison) J J O'Neill 5-11-10 .... F Murtagh (7) —
2 BLAKEHOLME (H Youdell) G Richards 5-11-10 .... M Moloney (5) —
3 EXPRESS REALE (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-10 .... Mr K Johnson (5) —
4 GREAT POKEY (A Comer) A Comer 5-11-10 .... Mr C Wilson (7) —
5 ONE FOR THE NORTH (M Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10 .... D Byrne —
6 GUIXALL CROSSETT (E Caine) E Caine 5-11-10 .... Mr J Beardsall —
7 TOMMY OWT (E Smith) M Camacho 5-11-10 .... J Callaghan (7) —
8 HEAD FOR HOME (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 5-11-5 .... D Barry (7) —
9 6 MAJESTIC PLAYER 5 (J Blanchi) Denys Smith 6-11-5 .... D Crossman (7) —
10 MOTHERHOOD (A Dinger) J Parkes 5-11-5 .... N Smith (7) —
11 PRICEY (M Vernon) M Vernon 6-11-5 .... B McGiff (5) —
12 ROBINSON'S CLASSIC (S Robinson Ltd) W A Stephenson 6-11-5 .... A Haywood (7) —
13 RUDDA STAR (J Slatcher) Roy Robinson 5-11-5 .... C Dennis (3) —
14 COMME CI COMME CA (Mrs S Strangeway) B Ellison 4-11-0 .... P Midgeley (7) —
15 GO SILLY (J Williamson) Miss S Williamson 4-11-0 .... Miss S Williamson —
16 3 MUDAHIM 35 (K Bell) C Broad 4-11-0 .... P McDermott (7) —
17 ROONEY (M Kelly) N Bradley 4-11-0 .... A Charlton (3) —
18 4 SAUCY TOUCH 47 (R Swiers) R Swiers 4-11-0 .... Mr S Swiers —
19 2 SMITH'S CRACKER 25 (A Smith) M H Easterby 4-11-0 .... R Garritty (5) —
20 BELLA DELITE (W Bellamy (Bakers) Ltd) D McCain 4-10-9 .... Mr D McCain (7) —
21 POPPADOM (J Turner) J Turner 4-10-9 .... Mr N Wilson (7) —

BETTING: 6-4 Smith's Cracker, 7-4 One For The North, 6-1 Mudahim, 8-1 Saucy Touch, 10-1 others.

1989: BIDDERS CLOWN 4-10-10 P Harris (6-1) H Wharton 20 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M H Easterby	19	78	24.4	A J Quinn	4	19	21.1
G Richards	17	80	21.3	N Doughty	12	62	19.4
Mrs P Barker	3	15	20.0	M Dwyer	17	101	16.8
J J O'Neill	3	15	20.0	C Grant	25	149	16.8
B Bousfield	4	21	19.0	D Byrne	4	25	16.0
Jimmy Fitzgerald	16	92	17.4	J Callaghan	3	21	14.3

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Wyer ban for whip offence

Lorcan Wyer was banned for four days (March 1-4 inclusive) yesterday for misuse of the whip on Hello Georgie in the Bet With Tote Novices' Chase Qualifier at Sedgefield yesterday.

Enraged SIS viewers telephoned the racecourse to draw attention to Wyer's misdemeanour as he hit Hello Georgie at least three times across the head after pulling the horse up when it attempted to run out at the eleventh fence. The jockey later admitted he had lost his temper with the horse.

Lorcan Wyer: four-day ban for misuse of the whip

However, Wyer later had a more satisfactory ride on Sword Beach in the Shotton Handicap Chase, driving him to a neck victory over Captain Mor.

Royal Square is 4-1 favourite with Ladbrokes for the Triumph Hurdle after his facile victory in the Chatteris Fen Hurdle at Huntingdon. He led all the way and quickened from the last to beat Good Spark by eight lengths.

Amanda Harwood, who trains the jumpers at Pulborough for her father Guy, said: "I was perfectly happy with his performance today considering his rivals were more experienced. He will not run again before Cheltenham."

Mark Perrett, who rode Royal Square, was completing a 7-1 double, having taken the Pidley Fen Novices' Hurdle on Rositary, trained by Stan Mellor.

● Mark Perrett rides Southernair, trained by John Jenkins, in the 2¼ mile Prix le Bouif Chase at Auteuil today.

See You Then works well

See You Then worked well in blinkers yesterday and is set to run in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton tomorrow. However, trainer Nicky Henderson was unable to confirm whether the triple champion hurdler would wear blinkers in the race.

Cruising Altitude is now likely to be among his opponents, having been re-directed from Kelso where connections felt the ground may be too soft.

Hint of increase in betting deductions

By Graham Rock

The first sign that bookmakers might deduct more than 10 per cent from off-course punters' winnings was given by Don Bruce, chairman of the Betting Office Licensees' Association (BOLA) at its annual general meeting yesterday.

Trading conditions for betting shop proprietors were becoming difficult; betting tax of 8 per cent, a levy of approaching one per cent and non-recoverable VAT on news services and some rents, together with increased costs from recent rating revaluations, threaten to squeeze profit margins.

"No-one knows how long the deduction can be held to 10 per cent," he said, and when asked if a higher deduction was a realistic possibility he replied: "It has to be a threat."

Most bookmakers opt for 10 per cent while a handful of credit offices, with lower costs, charge nine per cent. "The pressure is there and only competition keeps it down," Bruce added.

One of many bones of contention that bookmakers have with HM Customs & Excise is that the Government collects "tax on tax." If a punter places a £10 bet, and opts to pay duty of £1 with his stake, the whole £11 is regarded as liable for duty, which erodes further the bookmakers' average profit margin of three per cent on turnover.

In order to develop their businesses, bookmakers are lobbying for changes to the Betting and Gaming Act, including permission to open betting shops for evening racing and to introduce Amusement With Prizes (AWP) machines into their premises.

Over 13 per cent of racing takes place in the evening but betting shops are prohibited from remaining open after 6.30pm. AWPs are not allowed in betting shops, although they are available in many high street outlets, including restaurants.

The Home Office has stated that it is not Government policy to permit a mix of betting opportunities under the same roof, but since bingo halls and greyhound tracks offer AWPs, Bruce was able to say yesterday with some conviction "the logic of our case is overwhelming."

He also made two interesting points about staging racing when weather have ruled out the traditional turf meetings. "Were it not for the difficult political situation, South Africa, because of its time zone, might be particularly suitable," he suggested.

Dreaper thinks again on Carvill's Hill plan

Jim Dreaper is having second thoughts about sending Carvill's Hill to Haydock Park on March 3 (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Dreaper yesterday doubted the wisdom of sending his fragile star on two trips to England in the space of a fortnight, which would be the case if Carvill's Hill then fulfilled his Gold Cup engagement.

Dreaper also reflected on Carvill's Hill's defeat by Nick The Brief at Leopardstown last Saturday. "Asking him to contest two races in seven days was probably putting too much strain on a horse whose fitness is so often in question," he said.

Carvill's Hill was lame after the race, but Dreaper said: "On past experience that lameness should have yielded to treatment by the end of this week."

He belives that we did not see the best of the horse last week and would still like to take on Desert Orchid.

Michael Kinane, the Irish champion Flat jockey, is due home from India tomorrow and awaiting him will be the decision of Dermot Weld to run Milieu in the William Hill Lincoln.

Milieu, who is well suited by soft ground, won three times in Ireland last season and was beaten little more than two lengths when sixth to True Panache in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot.

Guinness back festival

Cheltenham racecourse yesterday announced a £150,000 sponsorship with Guinness Brewing. The three-year package, beginning at next month's festival, includes a Guinness village for 15,000 racegoers and a trainer's award to the stable with the most winners.

Edward Gillespie, managing director of the steeplechase company at Cheltenham, said: "Crowds are likely to be 5 per cent smaller than last year and a new enclosure with Tattersalls will ease congestion. The fall will be caused mainly by a reduction of 20 per cent in corporate marquees and chalets to improve safety procedures."

Some £2 million has been spent on this year's festival, including a new £1.45 million stable complex opened yesterday by Mercy Rimell. Fire engines and two permanent ambulances will be on site during the three-day meeting, and £50,000 has been set aside for drink and security controls.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.10 Suluk. 2.40 Lilac Time. 3.10 Valiant Boy. 3.40 Follow The Drum. 4.10 Change The Name. 4.40 Kenilworth Castle.

Michael Seely's selection
3.40 FOLLOW THE DRUM (nap).

Going: standard

2.10 AVERHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,478: 2m) (3 runners)

1 1111 SULUK 23 (CD) R Hollinshead 5-12-0 .... Gary Lyons (3)
2 1221 DISNEYLAND 16 (D,F) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-7 .... J Tutte (7)
3 0053 CUCKOO IN THE NEST 33 (B,D,S) P Connors 7-10-0 .... V Slattery (7)

1-2 Suluk, 2-1 Disneyland, 12-1 Cuckoo In The Nest.

2.40 DRY DODDINGTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,744: 2m) (14)

1 5F16 COLOMBIERE 32 (D,F) G Moore 5-11-11 .... S Yoxklen
2 6802 UP THE LADDER 9 (D,G,S) D Wintle 6-11-11 .... A Carroll
3 4530 KIRKBY FLYER 57 (CD,F) R Whitaker 6-11-6 .... S Turner
4 U4 JIM BRIDGER 19 P Felden 5-11-5 .... S Keightley
5 P- ROYAL COURSE 144F J Wainwright 5-11-5 .... J J Quinn
6 0-06 UNTIED 116 P Connors 5-11-5 .... V Slattery (7)
7 -20P BON RETOUR 14 J Parkes 5-11-0 .... J O'Gorman
8 5-0 IVORDOLL 16 D Burchell 5-11-0 .... D J Burchell
9 2423 PEERGLOW 14 (B) C Williams 6-11-0 .... J Ryan (3)
10 0P50 LADY KHADIJA 23 N Tinkler 4-10-4 .... D Sullivan (7)
11 5205 LILAC TIME 5 R Hollinshead 4-10-4 .... Gary Lyons (3)
12 6000 ROYAL-BLUE BELLE 19 T Kersey 4-10-4 .... Susan Kersey (7)
13 000P SPRINGLAKE'S LADY 43 J Forte 4-10-4 .... A Forte
14 F003 TRIP THE DAISEY 9 (B) K Ryan 4-10-4 .... —

3-1 Lilac Time, 7-2 Up The Ladder, 5-1 Colombiere, Kirkby Flyer, 7-1 Peerglow, 10-1 Bon Retour, 12-1 others.

3.10 FARNSFIELD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,618: 2m) (12)

1 1421 VALIANT BOY 19 (C,D,F) S Kettlewell 11-10 .... —
2 6821 BARLEY MOW 14 (CD) N Bradley 11-3 .... G Bradley
3 31 MISTER LAWSON 16 (D) Mrs J Pitman 11-3 .... D Gallagher
4 0002 CHRISTMAS HOLS 14 J Bosley 10-10 .... M Bosley
5 255 RADISH 'N' LEMON 14 (B) J Parkes 10-10 .... J O'Gorman (3)
6 5486 RUSCAROFF 11 G Moore 10-10 .... R Fahey
7 P ARAGON GIRL 51 K Ryan 10-5 .... —
8 6 BRIDE FOR A DAY 14 W Clay 10-5 .... R Bevan (7)
9 CRYSTAL PARK 18F J Wharton 10-5 .... S J O'Neill
10 P DARING CLASS 123 P Rodford 10-5 .... D Morris
11 06 FOUR ALLS LADY 126 J Wainwright 10-5 .... J J Quinn
12 P KINGS ASH 16 R Whitaker 10-5 .... S Turner

3-1 Valiant Boy, 100-30 Mister Lawson, 4-1 Barley Mow, 11-2 Christmas Hols, 7-1 Ruscaroff, 8-1 others.

3.40 EAST STOKE NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,716: 2m 2f) (12)

1 81 FOLLOW THE DRUM 9 (C) Mrs D Haine 5-12-0 .... S Smith Eccles
2 3436 ARDRA DUKE 44 F Jordan 6-11-4 .... T Morgan
3 P-5 COURAGEOUS BIDDER 142 M Robinson 5-11-4 .... I Lawrence (3)
4 P6 CUILEANN 9 P Cowley 5-11-4 .... C Rutledge
5 -FF0 GRIDGER 18 R Hartop 8-11-4 .... S J O'Neill
6 F560 NORTHERN LION 18 M Grassick 7-11-4 .... —
7 PP8- OPTIMOSA 281 J Forte 8-11-4 .... A Forte
8 0-32 PRINCE CELTIC 202 W Clay 6-11-4 .... R Bevan (7)
9 -6P0 RHYTHM DANCER 28 J O'Shea 7-10-13 .... —
10 421U WAVERLEY GIRL 33 (CD) J Wainwright 4-10-12 .... M Carter (7)
11 4 BLUSHING RIBERO 30 J Parkes 4-10-7 .... J O'Gorman (3)
12 F4 LEMON BALM 9 J McConnochie 4-10-2 .... S Turner

5-2 Follow The Drum, 3-1 Lemon Balm, 5-1 Ardra Duke, 6-1 Waverley Girl, 10-1 Courageous Bidder, 12-1 others.

4.10 CHURCH WARSOP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 3m) (9)

1 4F43 LEAVE IT TO BALLY 32 P Bevan 10-11-10 .... T Wall
2 1432 CHANGE THE NAME 12 (B,S) P Blockley 7-11-7 .... C Kellett
3 3-43 PENNY LOVER 9 P Felgate 6-11-5 .... S Johnson
4 2601 KINGFISHER BAY 16 B Palling 5-11-5 .... C Evans
5 -P04 FREELANCE 14 J Pearce 11-10-13 .... S Keightley
6 BP35 CRIMSON LADY 12 P Rodford 9-10-5 .... R Arnott
7 PFP3 OCEAN ROGUE 23 W Clay 9-10-5 .... R Bevan (7)
8 005P SCALE MODEL 35 (D,S) J Roper 8-10-5 .... R Hyett
9 0-P6 CHANTILLY DAWN 12 J Haynes 6-10-3 .... —

3-1 Kingfisher Bay, 4-1 Ocean Rogue, 5-1 Penny Lover, Crimson Lady, 7-1 Leave It To Bally, 8-1 others.

4.40 BATHLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 4f) (12)

1 P-00 STORMY MONARCH 29 (G,S) G Jones 9-11-10 .... R Hyett
2 1051 KENILWORTH CASTLE 23 (B,C,F) R Hollinshead 4-11-10 .... Gary Lyons (3)
3 -156 ACEFACE 11 (B,D,F,S) W Clay 5-11-8 .... R Bevan (7)
4 544F QUICK REACTION 39 (F) Mrs E Heath 7-11-5 .... P Barnard (5)
5 0321 SIROCKO BAY 14 (CD) M Barraclough 6-11-4 .... Ann Stokell (7)
6 F000 PRINCE'S DRIVE 29 (D,F,G,S) B Palling 12-11-4 .... C Evans
7 0068 GOOD POINT 30 (C,F,G) R Hartop 6-11-3 .... S J O'Neill
8 5060 PRINCEABLE LADY 33 (F,S) D Topley 6-11-2 .... G Bradley
9 3F43 WAVERLEY BOY 9 J Wainwright 8-10-12 .... J J Quinn
10 0603 DREADNOUGHT 63 (S) J Carden 10-10-5 .... Mr J Carden
11 -006 CHARLOTTE'S GIFT 26 T Kersey 6-10-3 .... Susan Kersey (7)
12 30P4 DEAR BOB 42 (S) J Colston 7-10-2 .... C Smith

4-1 Aceface, 9-2 Kenilworth Castle, 6-1 Sirocko Bay, Quick Reaction, 8-1 Waverley Boy, Stormy Monarch, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs D Haine, 9 winners from 23 runners, 39.1%; R Hollinshead, 9 from 30, 30.0%; N Bradley, 4 from 14, 28.6%; N Tinkler, 8 from 28, 28.6%; D Burchell, 10 from 38, 26.3%; Mrs E Heath, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: T Morgan, 5 winners from 17 rides, 29.4%; G Bradley, 8 from 30, 26.7%; S Smith Eccles, 12 from 46, 26.1%; Gary Lyons, 9 from 38, 23.7%; V Slattery, 4 from 18, 22.2%; J Ryan, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Huntingdon

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

2.0 (3m 1f hdle) 1, ROSITARY (M Perrett, 5-1); 2, Whats The Crack (R Beggan, 16-1); 3, Shaston (C Maude, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Ru Valentino (5th), 10 Church Leap (4th), Cnoc An Oir, Farmcote Air, 14 Scylla's Chip, Jan-Re, 16 It's A Long Way (6th), 33 Orangey, Rozel Gamble, Tipping Tim (pu), Deirdres Dream (pu), 50 No Rebasse, Wayward Luke (pu), 66 Abandon Hope (pu), Ceva Park, Woodlands Genhire (pu), Clover Song (pu). 20 ran. NR: Blue Member, Idiot's Beauty. 5l, 2l, 2½l, 12l, ¾l. S Mellor at Swindon. Tote: £5.50; £2.50, £4.30, £1.50. DF: £46.60. CSF: £81.22.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, SIR'S AT THE GIN (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Mr Entertainer (A Adams, 16-1); 3, Young Warrior (R Beggan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8-13 fav Timely Star (ur), 12 Autumn Sport (bd), 16 Mr Parker (pu), 33 Royalty Bay (bd), 50 Danish Chief (f), Foxtree (pu), Hard Up (f), Midnight Run (4th). To Asteri. 12 ran. 10l, 25l, 30l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £4.50; £1.30, £3.10, £1.70. DF: £20.70. CSF: £58.22.

3.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, ROYAL SQUARE (M Perrett, 4-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Good Spark (J Leech, 4-1); 3, Obelisk (S Smith Eccles, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Star Of The Glen (4th), 50 Phantom Singer (5th), 66 Lava Falls (6th). 6 ran. 8l, 5l, 6l, 12l, nk. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.50.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, MENINGI (S Earle, 14-1); 2, Arctic Cavalier (M Pitman, 11-4 fav); 3, Kilford (D Tegg, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Lauderdale Lad, 5 Bronze Final (ur), 15-2 Mr Quick (5th), 11 Green Ridge, Judgment Day (f), 20 Chelsea Man Gallerio (4th), 25 King Kas, Chais Du Fondateur (6th), 33 Borsen King (pu), Genero (pu), Moss Conneil. 15 ran. ¾l, 25l, 6l, ¾l, 4l. Mrs H Parrott at Coombe Hill. Tote: £14.10; £3.10, £1.60, £25.40. DF: £26.40. CSF: £51.55. Tricast: £1,798.90.

4.0 (3m ch) 1, AIR BROKER (L Harvey, 4-1); 2, Miss Club Royal (M Dwyer, 9-1); 3, Rymer King (M Lynch, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Gadbrook, 10 Deep And (pu), Tarahumara (f), 14 Greenwood Lad (5th), 20 Sergeant Sprite (5th), Random Place, 33 Moe Greene (f), Tumble Jack (4th). 11 ran. 8l, 2l, 1½l, 7l, 4l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £2.50, £1.20. DF: £21.70. CSF: £38.09. Tricast: £68.94. NR: Wildwood.

4.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, WESTERN LEGEND (T Morgan, 4-5 fav); 2, Mr Kirby (S McNeill, 25-1); 3, Mr Dynamic (S Cowley, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Andorra (4th), Major Effort (f), 6 Alaska Run (f), 10 Don't Tell Rush (f), 33 Barsbridge Lad (pu), 50 Toytown (pu). 9 ran. NR: Croix De Guerre, Turbo King. 12l, 8l, 25l. J Edwards at Ross-On-Wye. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £4.60, £7.50. DF: £27.20. CSF: £20.71.

5.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, NICK THE DREAMER (P Holley, 10-1); 2, Sibton Abbey (T Cloke, 7-2 fav); 3, Mr Dormouse (S Keightley, 16-1); 4, The Cherry Man (M Richards, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Amwaj (ur), 6 Roxall Clump (6th), 7 Kitchi Koo, The Putney Lark, 14 Gee-A, Rosie Marchioness, 16 Royle Speedmaster (5th), 33 Gee Up, 50 Connaught Card, Spring Tide, 66 El Politicastro (ref), 100 Kokoschka, Seismic Line (pu). 17 ran. 12l, nk, ¾l, 1½l, 15l. W Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £10.70; £1.60, £1.60, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £15.10. CSF: £45.62. Tricast: £539.93. Placepot: £8.90

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.40 (2m) 1, Vintage Port (T Quinn, 7-4 fav); 2, Cathos (8-1); 3, Qualitair Aviator (9-4). 6 ran. Hd, 8l. R Akehurst. Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £3.30. DF: £9.40. CSF: £13.84.

2.10 (6f) 1, Mamming (C Campbell, 5-1); 2, Jovial Kate (2-1 fav); 3, Halox (12-1). 10 ran. 5l, 4l. S Dow. Tote: £13.60; £2.40, £1.10, £3.20. DF: £9.90. CSF: £15.86.

2.40 (1m 2f) 1, Latin Leap (M Wigham, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Port Sharer (5-1); 3, Head Groom (9-2). Up The Wagon 5-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. 2l, 3l. J Pearce. Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £7.80. CSF: £14.22.

3.10 (7f) 1, Merseyside Man (K Rutter, 7-2 fav); 2, Looting (10-1); 3, Valiant Saint (9-1). 11 ran. NR: My Diamond. Hd, 3l. J Scargill. Tote: £5.20; £1.70, £2.20, £5.60. DF: £34.40. CSF: £37.73. Tricast: £276.53. After objection by 2nd to the winner the result stood.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Valiant Red (R Wernham, 15-2); 2, Crosby Place (9-1); 3, Bashaq (12-1). Trojan Debut 100-30 fav. 12 ran. 1½l, 7l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £5.50; £2.40, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £20.40. CSF: £74.45. Tricast: £756.74.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, Realism (T Quinn, 8-1); 2, Altobelli (3-1); 3, Denitz (11-2). Just Great (85-40 fav). 11 ran. NR: Snapshot Baby. Nk, 2l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £10.40; £2.20, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £16.30. CSF: £32.25. Tricast: £135.25.
Placepot: £262.40.

Sedgefield

Going: good to soft

1.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, High Stay (D Nolan, 11-4); 2, Tom Towley (15-2); 3, Nancy Ardross (4-7 fav). 4 ran. 3l, 15l. P Monteith. Tote: £3.20. DF: £7.40. CSF: £16.37.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, The Egg Baron (J Duggan, 10-1); 2, Foggy Scotch (4-1); 3, Sacred Gem (8-13 fav). 10 ran. 5l, 10l. C Bell. Tote: £9.60; £1.30, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £27.70. CSF: £51.52.

2.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Asticot (A Carroll, 5-1); 2, Tharaleos (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Good To See You (6-1); 4, Mr Dudley (20-1). Way Clear 4-1 jt-fav. ½l, 15l, 10l. D Wintle. Tote: £12.40; £2.80, £2.00, £1.90, £11.80. DF: £118.50. CSF: £31.26. Tricast: £167.61.

3.15 (3m 2f 160yd ch) 1, Into The Mystic (B Storey, 14-1); 2, Snowfire Chap (5-2 fav); 3, Copeland Lad (7-2). 11 ran. 2½l, 2½l. B McLean. Tote: £12.00; £2.10, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £16.20. CSF: £46.20.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Ingleby Star (Mr N Tutty, 5-4 fav); 2, Par Kelly (7-1); 3, Kerstalls (12-1). 16 ran. 3l, 3l. Mrs S Frank. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £2.60, £4.20. DF: £27.20. CSF: £20.58.

4.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, Sword Beach (L Wyer, 6-1); 2, Captain Mor (100-30); 3, Hotplate (3-1). Unex-Plained 6-4 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 4l. M H Easterby. Tote: £5.80; £3.00, £2.20. DF: £4.60. CSF: £26.44.
Placepot: £50.50.

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RUGBY UNION

Waldron is likely to follow formula of Neath's success

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It is said that if you hurt yourself falling off a bicycle, the best thing to do is get straight back on and minimize the shock. It is a precept which Ron Waldron may, involuntarily, take to heart, since this evening he meets the other Welsh selectors to choose the team to play Scotland, only 48 hours after finding himself appointed the national coach.

Not that Waldron has fallen off any bikes. It is Welsh rugby itself which has taken the tumble, and not only at the hands of England in the course of a single afternoon. There has been an absence of vision for a decade, off the field more than on it, and the resignation on Monday of John Ryan, after coaching Wales to seven defeats in nine games, is only another chapter in the declining saga which has been the national game during the 1980s.

During that period, though, Waldron has contributed significantly to the rise of Neath to a pre-eminence challenged consistently during the last few seasons only by Llanelli. He has coached the club, as part of the panel brought in during Brian Thomas's reign as team manager, and he succeeded Thomas as manager, helping to bring a new playing style and an international outlook in a country which, rightly or wrongly, is often accused of introversion.

"I don't see why we should change what has been successful for Neath all the time I have been there," Waldron said, significantly, immediately after his appointment. Indeed, in a gesture designed, no doubt, to increase confidence, Waldron hopes to announce the Welsh team immediately after this evening's meeting, which Robert Jones, the Welsh captain, has been asked to attend.

But Waldron knows, better than most, that the rest of this five nations' championship season will be a holding operation, to see what credit can be extracted from matches with Scotland and Ireland while he assesses the needs of the team and tries to revitalize the confidence of his players.

Who could blame him if, in the short term, he opts for those players he knows best? There were four Neath men in the XV which lost 34-6 to England, and there must be a temptation to add the likes of Brian Williams and Jeremy Pugh at prop, Rowland Phillips to the back row, and to wonder if such uncapped players as Laity, Bateman or Edmunds might deserve a place in the back division.

It will be as important for Waldron to establish the terms of reference under which he works. His appointment takes him through to July 1991, though obviously Wales would prefer not to change their coach three months before the World Cup.

There is every chance that a team manager may be appointed, while Waldron will surely wish to have the decisive voice in team selection. Whether this implies the demise of the "Big Five", the Welsh selectors, remains to be seen. In some senses Waldron may yearn for the not-always benevolent dictatorship of Albert Ferrasse, president of the French federation, who confirmed yesterday that Jacques Fouroux would remain French coach until the World Cup.

● Wales are likely to accept an invitation to tour Namibia in May, as part of that country's independence celebrations.

Neath's Waldron way

The coaching qualities of Ron Waldron can best be described by the players under his influence with Neath at The Gnoll. Under his guidance, the Welsh All Blacks have lost only three matches this season and are still on course for the treble of cup, Merit Table and championship.

Whether or not he will be able to continue in the same capacity as manager and coach at Neath remains to be seen, but there he has built a no-nonsense, straight-talking approach to coaching.

David Pickering, Neath's former Welsh captain and flanker, said: "Ron is forthright and honest and he will shake a lot of people up. He will demand the highest levels of fitness, and nothing, apart from 100 per cent commitment, will be good enough. Players will realize that reputation is no guarantee for a prolonged international career."

Colin Laity, the centre, said: "He is straight, he's not two-faced and he's a good motivator. You respect him as a person primarily; but if you are not doing something right, he will tell you."

Moore fit to tackle Gloucester

Brian Moore, making light of the scalp wound he received playing for England against Wales last weekend, will play for Nottingham against Gloucester in the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup on Saturday (David Hands writes).

Moore trained on Monday evening and will take his place in a full-strength Nottingham side, in which Gary Hartley is preferred to Harvey Thorneycroft on the wing.

Moore, England's hooker and pack leader, also played down reports alleging that a good job package could be organized for him were he to move to a London club. "If something extraordinary was offered you would be foolish to turn it down," he said yesterday. "I know how much people earn in London and a six-figure salary would very persuasive."

But Moore, an assistant solicitor specializing in personal injuries, emphasized that no package has been offered him, beyond a personal contact with two first-division London clubs who would be interested in his playing skills were he to move to the capital.

"I'm very happy where I am at the moment," he said. "But if the opportunity for something exceptional arose I would have to consider it."

Underwood back in the spotlight

By David Hands

Tony Underwood makes a welcome return to action in a cosmopolitan Penguins XV against Cambridge University Past and Present at Grange Road this evening. Underwood, the Leicester and England B wing, who performed so well for the Barbarians against New Zealand in November, has spent the last two months recovering from facial injuries received on the opening day of the divisional championship.

He has been training regularly over the last month, and although there was a slight hamstring problem, he is optimistic that the last 10 weeks of the season will go as well as the first. *10. There is every likelihood* that the Barbarians, who take a team to Hong Kong next month to compete in the international sevens, will be interested in his well-being, as well as that of several other Englishmen who have been earmarked for the team.

The Penguins have also invited Christian Raducanu, the Romanian lock now playing for Boroughmuir, to join Mike Speight, the New Zealander, in the second row, while the back division includes players who have won caps for England, the United States, Australia, and Ireland, although the latter two countries are combined in the person of Brian Smith, Ireland's stand-off half.

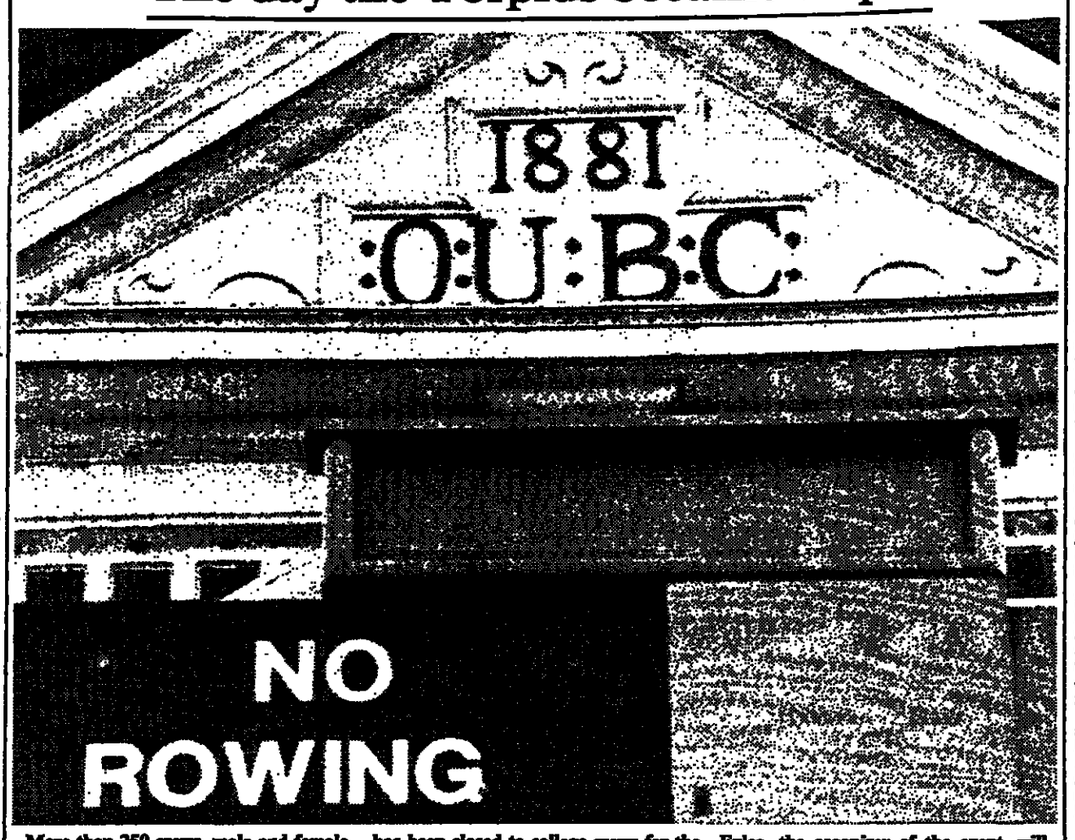
Elsewhere in student rugby, the English Colleges meet Welsh Colleges at Cheltenham in their annual fixture, while the delayed semi-final of the Commercial Union UAU championship takes place at Stourbridge, where Loughborough, the holders, hope to overcome Cardiff on their way to a final against Swansea.

The semi-finals of the British Polytechnics knockout competition will be played at Sutton Coldfield. Bristol play Sheffield, and South-West, who dismissed Polytechnic of Wales, the holders, from the competition, play Leeds.

● Wasps hope to build on the success of their first international colts fixture by organizing a first XV game against the same opponents. Wasps Colts lost 20-17 to Racing Club de France in Paris at the weekend, with Hopley outstanding in the back division, and Kellam, the hooker, taking six heels against the head against a pack which matched even the big Wasps back five for size.

Wasps have been examining the possibility of playing more Continental opponents at senior level, and Racing, the only first-division club in Paris, must be high on their list.

The day the Torpids became torpid



More than 250 crews, male and female, received disappointing news yesterday when it was announced that the Oxford Torpids had been cancelled (a Special Correspondent writes). Only 24 crews in the men's first and second divisions might find that they have competition this week if the National Rivers Authority and the Oxford University officials consider the river to be safe enough for racing.

The Thames, the Tideway excepted, has been closed to college crews for the past fortnight because of flooding and after three eights became entangled at Iffley and had to be rescued from above the weir. The University Boat Club authorities threatened fines and exclusion from Torpids for any crews ignoring the ban. Most of the men's first division crews have managed to keep active by practising on nearby lakes and on the Tideway and ergometers and gymnasiums have been fully booked. Steve Eyles, the organizer of the event, will reassess the situation at 9am today.

It seems that even the two top men's divisions will be in action before Friday, although the river level has been dropping since the weekend. John Powell, the local navigation officer, said yesterday that 48 hours more might be needed, assuming that the Oxford area "gets lucky in terms of rainfall." There are no plans to reschedule the event for a later date.

ATHLETICS: SLOW TICKET SALES THREATEN THE FUTURE OF GLASGOW VENUE

Whitbread back in training

By David Powell

Fatima Whitbread, the European and world javelin champion, who withdrew from the Commonwealth Games with a shoulder injury, expects to be back in competition in time for the United Kingdom championships in the first week of June.

After an operation last summer, she feared complications when the shoulder flared up before the Games but the consultant orthopaedic surgeon she visited on her return has given her an encouraging report.

"I was a little bit uncertain after the Commonwealth Games that it might take me a long time to get back," Whitbread, aged 28, said. When she underwent the operation last May, she was told to take a year off, but followed her own advice and went into training for an attempt on her first Commonwealth Games gold medal.

Now she is set on retaining her European championship this summer and has begun light training. The surgeon's report says that she has "excellent power of external rotation in the shoulder . . . she has not dislocated again and I am satisfied that the repair is sound, even though the muscle has very little power or endurance."

Whitbread's response to that was: "This has given me tremendous confidence. I was concerned I was not going to be able to throw the javelin with the right technique again."

Jetlag puts McColgan out of international

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

Liz McColgan has withdrawn from the British team for the indoor international match against East Germany on Friday, a decision which will do nothing for the morale of the British Amateur Athletic Board, which voiced its concern yesterday at the slow ticket sales.

McColgan's appearance would have been her first since her victory for Scotland in the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres three weeks ago and, coming in front of a home crowd at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, would have no doubt put a few on the gate.

Fewer than one-third of the 3,700 seats have been sold and Andy Norman, the BAAB promotions officer, fuelled the doubt about the Kelvin Hall being an appropriate international venue when he said: "If the crowd do not come we will have to consider whether it is worth continuing with an event which is not wanted. If you find you are trying to sell an unwanted product you move on."

On Monday Tony Ward, the BAAB spokesman, had said that Glasgow City Council's refusal to foot the £6,000 bill for press telephones could count against the venue in the future allocation of fixtures and he added yesterday: "There are two criteria you take into consideration: crowd support and the co-operation of local authorities."

McColgan was said by her coach, John Anderson, to be suffering the effects of jetlag and that was the reason for her withdrawal from the 3,000 metres against the East Germans. She had intended to compete in a 10-kilometre race in Java 10 days ago but, suffering a stomach infection, returned home on the morning of her intended flight to Indonesia. "She wanted to turn out in front of the Scottish crowd but feels she would not be able to do herself justice," Anderson said.

Anderson confirmed that neither the European indoor championships, at the Kelvin Hall on March 3 and 4, nor the world cross country championships, in Aix-les-Bains, France, on March 25, figured in her plans, despite recent reports to the contrary. "There is no question of her doing either," Anderson said. She will give her "undivided attention" to the European outdoor championships next summer, preparing for the track with a series of road races starting in May.

There could hardly have been a more worthy substitute for McColgan than Jill Hunter, who made a compelling race of the Commonwealth 10,000 metres before the defending champion relegated her into the silver medal position; but Hunter has not been called upon.

She asked last week to be considered as a guest runner but her request, made to the BAAB office, was not passed on to the selectors. As a result, Sonia McGeorge, who finished second in the Omron Games on Saturday to Bev Nicholson, Britain's other 3,000 metres representative on Friday, has been called in.

Hunter has turned her attention instead to a 3,000 metres in Stockholm on Saturday where, it is understood, Peter Elliott will renew his acquaintance with Wilfred Kirochi, the Kenyan who finished runner-up to him in the Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres. In the meantime, Hunter has chosen to appear in the British trial for the world cross country championships even though there is no need.

According to Ward, confusion over whether two or three of the six team places would be at the *selectors' discretion has* been resolved in favour of the higher number. The other places will go to the first three in the trial. "I need a race the weekend of the trial (March 11) and if I raced elsewhere it would not look good," Hunter said.

It is a poor reflection on the communication between officials and athletes, though, that Hunter, Britain's best-placed athlete in last year's world cross country championships and unbeaten on the surface this season, should add: "If I raced elsewhere they could say I was not interested and they might not choose me."

GOLF

Putting to get into the swing

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Melbourne

Nick Faldo left here disappointed after his surrender to Greg Norman in the Australian Masters but convinced that he is on the threshold of occupying the No. 1 place in the Sony world rankings.

Norman, who regained first place from Severiano Ballesteros when he won The International tournament last August, is proving difficult to dislodge, although, by finishing joint runner-up last Sunday, Faldo consolidated his No. 2 position.

Faldo will begin his 1990 European campaign in the Desert Classic in Dubai tomorrow, confident that with the assistance of the nephew of a former Curtis Cup golfer he has completed his annual swing review.

Mitchell Spearman, whose aunt, Marly Spearman, won the British Ladies tournament in 1961 and 1962, has worked alongside David Leadbetter at the Lake Nona club in Orlando, Florida, for the last year.

Leadbetter, of course, is the teacher responsible for changing Faldo's swing before he won the Open Championship in 1987 and the Masters last April.

A good pair of eyes for Faldo

"I myself first went for lessons with David in 1982," Spearman said. "But it was only on March 1 last year that, at his invitation, I linked with him at Lake Nona. It was there two weeks ago that David reset the swing drills for Nick when he came for his annual refurbishment. I went down to Melbourne essentially to be a good pair of eyes for Nick.

"David had told Nick that he needed to create a little more torque in his golf swing, a bit more coil. So the first thing he needed to do was to move the club back to what David calls the eight o'clock position.

"Nick needed to feel that the butt of the club got closer to his right thigh. From there, when he sets the club, he needs to feel that the set is a little steeper, elbows spread a little wider and the butt of the club feels low to the ground.

"It is from that position that Nick can wind and coil and get on to his right side so that he can get the club a little squarer to the top rather than toe down. Then, as he starts the downswing, Nick needs to feel that there is only a slight separation with his left knee and that he holds his legs very firm as he comes into the ball. He should feel a little taller at impact."

This attention to detail provides a fascinating insight into how Faldo approaches the game. "It was very good to have Mitchell in Melbourne because, having done a few changes with David, it was like a continuation of the lesson," Faldo said.

"From the initial video when I arrived at Lake Nona two weeks ago, David and I immediately focused on the two areas that required improvement: takeaway and impact. It improved by the half-inch every couple of days in Australia."

Practising with only one hand

What caused Faldo to lose the lead to Norman was not his swing but his putting stroke. Spearman diagnosed a fault which Faldo will hope to cure in Dubai, where Ballesteros, now third in the world rankings, will be among his rivals.

"The putter face looked like it was closing a little bit through the ball," Spearman said. "I told Nick that I felt he wasn't creating enough lag in his stroke.

"So he has been practice-putting with only one hand because then you only have one point where there can be any flex, which is in the back of the right wrist. The theory is that it will help to create a little more momentum to keep the putter face squarer through the shot."

Faldo also pronounced himself happy with his new caddie, Fanny Sunesson, the only full-time female caddie on the tour, after her first 72-hole tournament.

"She came with me for the four days with David and I think initially it was a mind-blowing experience for her," Faldo said. "But by the end of the week she could see what we were seeking to achieve.

"She is now aware of the main theme. She is great on the course. She makes observations, which is what I want. I've let her read a few putts on occasions when I'm lost. It is good to have a sound second opinion."

For Faldo, the eleventh-hour decision to play in Dubai provides him with an early opportunity to establish his claim also to be No. 1 in the Volvo Order of Merit this year.

"The major championships are obviously the prime objective, starting with my defence of the Masters," Faldo said. "But I have not forgotten the Order of Merit. I am going to play probably 14 tournaments in Europe this year and I believe I have every chance of being No. 1."

That view is shared by the bookmakers. Coral have installed him as the 11-4 favourite to head the Volvo Order of Merit, with Ballesteros (100-30), José-Maria Olazábal (11-2) and Ian Woosnam (7-1) regarded as his closest rivals. Ronan Rafferty, who was No. 1 in 1989, is 11-1 and Sandy Lyle is 25-1.

EQUESTRIANISM

Felix bought by Japanese

Japan has bought Felix, the mount of Jos Lansink, the European bronze medal winner, for £500,000 (a Special Correspondent writes).

Originally, the Swiss tried to buy the 10-year-old Dutch-bred horse but veterinary advice persuaded them otherwise. Shuichi Tohki, aged 26, a member of the Japanese team in Los Angeles and Seoul, has been chosen to ride.

LACROSSE

Reserves put new rules to the test

Experimental rules mooted after the world cup in Perth, Australia, last September, are to be tried out during the women's territorial championships over the next six weeks, when the main problem to be addressed will be the vogue of defenders packing the goal (Peter Tatlow writes).

Starting at Dunstable this weekend, the reserves teams will be reduced from 12 to 10 a side, and experienced coaches and players hope that the rule will prove effective, partly because they dread the alternatives of restraining lines for offside, and players being obliged to mark one another closely in the goal area.

General agreement is likely on boundaries for change of possession and substitution on the fly. At present, there are no touchlines, and a loose ball straying too far goes to the nearest player. Substitution involves stoppages of play.

There is some opposition to experimenting during the territorial season, but decisions on rules for the next four years will be taken at the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Assocations, in Philadelphia, in July.

TheEngland representative, Jan Guilbride, said: "We must experiment now to formulate cogent reasons for or against the rules at the world meeting."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Currier seeking injunction to play

Andy Currier, the Widnes and Great Britain centre and wing, will appear at a preliminary hearing at the High Court in Liverpool today asking for an injunction against the disciplinary appeals committee of the Rugby Football League (Keith Macklin writes).

Currier has launched an action against the League and its committee claiming that the eight-match suspension imposed on him for a foul tackle in the Challenge Cup tie against Batley was unjust and will cost him several thousands of pounds in lost earnings as a player. The League has stated that it will defend the action when it is heard, but Currier seeks the preliminary injunction to lift the ban to play for Widnes in next Sunday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup tie against Oldham, and in succeeding matches until the date of the full hearing.

Alex Murphy will travel to Barrow tomorrow for further talks with the Craven Park club. Murphy has expressed misgivings about accepting the coaching post at the beleaguered club, which stands bottom of the first division, but has accepted an invitation to talk to the directors. Murphy is also negotiating with the directors of the proposed second-division club to be established at Brighouse in West Yorkshire.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather + temp (5pm)	°C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA								
Igls	5	60	good	fair	worn	fine	1	16/2
Very good skiing at Axamer, Igls good upper slopes worn patches lower slopes								
Schladming	30	130	good	heavy	fair	fine	4	15/2
Good skiing on most pistes, some worn areas on lower runs								
FRANCE								
Chamonix	30	250	good	varied	fair	fine	4	16/2
Good sunny skiing. Vallee Blanche open								
Flaine	60	200	good	crust	slushy	fine	8	16/2
Very good skiing everywhere, some slush lower slopes, best snow in the Flaine bowl								
Megève	35	225	good	varied	good	fine	5	16/2
Excellent sunny skiing on well prepared pistes, Mont Joly open								
ITALY								
Cervinia	160	300	good	heavy	good	fine	1	16/2
Excellent snow on all pistes, perfect skiing conditions								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	80	130	good	heavy	good	fine	14	17/2
Good sunny skiing on excellent snow								
Davos	65	190	good	heavy	good	fine	8	16/2
Excellent skiing everywhere, snow melting on south-facing slopes								
Grindelwald	0	60	fair	spring	closed	fine	9	17/2
Still excellent skiing above 1,600m on Mannlichen								
Mürren	15	70	good	heavy	worn	fine	7	16/2
Very good skiing on Schilthorn, Schiltgrat and Birg. Runs to resort becoming worn								
Saas Fee	30	200	good	varied	good	fine	6	16/2
Excellent glacier skiing with good snow down to village								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

AUSTRIA	L	U
Bad Kleinkirchheim	50	20
Innsbruck/Igls	75	5
Kitzbühel	120	28
Lech	140	40
Mayrhofen	70	0
Obergurgl	160	105
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	150	40
St Anton	220	40
Seefeld	100	30
Sölden	200	30
Zell am See	63	0

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,800ft. Upper runs all complete, wet snow. Middle runs complete, wet snow on a firm base. Lower runs nearly complete, some nursery areas, but thin in places; wet snow. Access roads open. Chairlifts, car park and Coire na Ciste open. Tows Aonach, Link and Ptarmigan all closed. Ten tows in operation, hoping to improve on this position. **Glenshee:** snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,000ft. Upper runs only three complete and narrow. Lower, no runs complete, snow cover is patchy. Limited nursery areas. Access roads open. Chairlifts closed. Tows Tiger, Cairnwell, Butcharts Corrie are open. Weather permitting the same tows will operate today. Tows are narrow in places. **Lecht:** snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 650ft. Runs main complete, but very narrow and patchy. Beginner limited and very narrow. Access roads open. Tows Grouse, Eagle, Robin and Wren open. Some runs open narrow and patchy. Access roads clear. **Aonach Mor:** snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,500ft. Upper runs all complete, icy. Lower some complete and some broken, soft snow. Access roads open. Gondola open. Chairlift open. Lochy, Alpha, and T-bar tows open. Winds of 40mph at top of station. **Glencoe:** snow level, 500ft; vertical runs, 2,600ft. Upper runs all complete, new snow. Lower all complete, new snow. Chairlifts closed. Tows closed. Access roads area closed Tuesday and Wednesday. **Forecast:** Glencoe and Aonach Mor will have a mixture of blustery showers and sunny spells today. There will also be a few showers at Cairngorm and Lecht but showers not so frequent. Glenshee will see the best of the sunshine with showers few and far between. Cloud base broken or patchy around the summits but becoming more overcast near showers with some patches lower down the slopes. Less windy than of late, but still a fresh to strong northwesterly with gusts on the summits between around 40mph. The freezing level will be at 2,000 or 2,500ft, so showers will give some snow on the higher slopes. Outlook: Becoming milder overnight, with some rain at all levels as the freezing level goes above the summits, becoming very windy again with gales or severe gales from the south-southwest. There will be some light showers or drizzle at times tomorrow and and on Friday, especially in the west, with some more persistent and heavier rain on Friday evening, with snow at high levels.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

NORWAY	L	U
Geilo	75	130
Hemsedal	100	100
Hovden	80	60
Oslo	20	50
Voss	130	30

● Information supplied by the Norwegian National Tourist Office.

YACHTING: LATEST SAILING EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES GOING ON SHOW

Experts to conduct two safety-at-sea seminars

By Barry Pickthall

The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) will hold two safety-at-sea conferences this summer to encourage greater awareness of safety procedures and equipment among both cruising and racing yachtsmen.

The first of these conferences, which are co-sponsored by *The Times*, will be held in London on April 21, while the second event is timed to coincide with the Southampton Boat Show in September.

A panel of experts, chaired by Alan Green, the race director of the RORC, will include Robin Knox-Johnston, Chay Blyth, Bill Anderson, the cruising secretary of the Royal Yachting Association, and Capt John Bonds, director of the United States Yacht Racing Union, who has led American research on man-overboard recovery, as well as experts from the Coastguard and RNLI. Another speaker will be Dr Richard Allen, who has pioneered the development of several man-overboard location and recovery systems, including the successful EPIRB equipment, which has saved three lives in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race.

Other subjects to be covered include cures for seasickness, treatment of the newly acknowledged phenomenon of secondary drowning, and other medical emergencies. Expert yachtsmen will discuss the handling of yachts in heavy weather, the organization required for a yacht and crew before a voyage, and routines to be followed in the event of emergencies. The seminars will include an exhibition of safety equipment and clothing.

The first conference will coincide with the publication of the second *Times*/RORC Safety at Sea report, which will cover the latest research carried out by the Safety at Sea Committee, whose work has been sponsored by *The Times*, Whitbread, Rothmans, BOC, and British Steel. Copies of the first report, covering man-overboard location systems, are available from the RORC, 20 St James's Place, London SW1A 1NN.

● Land Rover will sponsor the first World Match Race Championship for Nations, which is to be organized on a biennial basis by the International Yacht Racing Union. Regional events will be held in Denmark, Italy, Hong Kong, Bermuda, Australia, and at a South American venue to select competitors for a 12-nation final later this year.

Men from UNCL seek talks on clipper record

By Barry Pickthall

The margin by which the French solo yachtsman, Philippe Monnet, broke the clipper ship record from Foo Chou to London last week, has been thrown into doubt by research into the original voyage of the fastest tea clipper, Sir Lancelot, in 1869-70.

Monnet was refused entry by the Chinese to start his record attempt from Pagoda Anchorage in the River Min. Instead, the Frenchman set off under the direction of the French ocean racing authority UNCL, from a position in international waters 73 miles to the east of Sir Lancelot's disembarkation point at 04:54 GMT on December 8 last year.

According to the French record adjudicator, Christian Fevrier, the Sir Lancelot upped anchor on July 17, 1869 and was towed down the Min estuary and would not have "started" her run until passing the White Dog Islands where the pilots lived, some 50 miles to the West of Monnet's starting point.

According to David MacGregor's historical book *The Tea Clippers*, the Sir Lancelot passed the islands a day after leaving Foo Chou. According to MacGregor, the Sir Lancelot reached Gravesend on October 13, 1870 at 14:00.

Monnet reached the same point on the Thames at 13:00 GMT on February 13 but continued on to register his record at the official line set up by UNCL at St Katherine's Dock.

Taking these differences into account, Fevrier considers that Monnet's record of 67 days 10 hours 26 minutes for the 13,500 mile voyage was 19 days faster than Sir Lancelot, two days 13 hours longer than the time suggested by the French authority.

John Reed, secretary of the World Sailing Speed Record Council (WSSRC), which now operates under the wing of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), complains that the French never notified him of Monnet's attempt but says his committee will probably retain the Frenchman's record as a benchmark if it is accepted by the *Guinness Book of Records*.

According to Fevrier, the French and UNCL in particular, who are now at the forefront of ocean record attempts, also refuse to recognize the WSSRC. Fevrier is calling for a conference of all those interested in sailing records, including skippers, to thrash out rules that are acceptable to everyone.

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FOOTBALL: TAYLOR KEEN TO MAKE CHAMPIONSHIP A TWO-CLUB RACE THIS WEEKEND

Five-point lead spurs on Villa

By Dennis Shaw

Aston Villa will lead the first division by five points from Liverpool on Saturday night if they can take maximum points from their next two fixtures.

Beginning against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane tonight and continuing at home to Wimbledon on Saturday, Graham Taylor's team has to show it can live with the pressure and answer the questions about its real potential to win the championship for the first time since 1981.

Villa are regarded as championship favourites by Terry Venables, manager of Tottenham. He said yesterday: "I watched them on Saturday and they are a strong side who play a very similar style to Arsenal. They are getting good results and haven't shown any sign of blowing up.

"But there are still 39 points to fight for and still a long way to go, so they have to continue that run or someone else could come in with a run of their own."

Venables said: "This is such an important game — for both teams. If they win, that puts them in a strong position. If we win, it puts us in touch."

He is particularly keen to see the midfield contrast between David Platt, of Villa, and his own Paul Gascoigne. Venables said: "People are suggesting that these two have a great chance to play for England in the World Cup. Having both on the same pitch gives a good opportunity for people to make their minds up about them. They have different styles but both do the same thing. They work terrifically hard and still get into the box to score goals."

The Tottenham manager said: "Platt and Gordon Cowans are obviously very important to Villa. They are the engine room of the side. But it's not just them. Tony Daley is very bright and very dangerous and in the air Ian Olney and Ian Ormondroyd can be a handful.

"They have five 6ft-plus players in the team, which makes them very dangerous at set pieces. And in Paul McGrath they have one of the best defenders in the country. I am a great admirer of his and I came within a hair's breadth of bringing him here. That remains one of my biggest disappointments — doubly so because we came so close."

With Liverpool inactive in the League until next Tuesday, Villa, one point behind them, can take over at the top and, in view of Arsenal's defeat by Sheffield Wednesday last Saturday, make the title issue a two-club race.

Taylor, the Villa manager, said yesterday: "I am glad we are in the position to go for the lead on our own merits. The next four days will neither win us nor lose us the championship, but I shall be very disappointed if we are not in the lead on Saturday night — and, if we get maximum points, we could be as many as 13 points clear of Arsenal.

"The challenge then would be stay there. We know what is beyond these two games if we remain in the FA Cup. We will have to contend with a build-up of fixtures and, at some time perhaps, play three in a week.

"However, no one could claim we would not deserve to be clear at the top. We have won more games than anyone in the first division, only Derby have conceded as few goals, and only Southampton and Liverpool have scored more."

Venables's arrival to watch Villa in the Cup at West Bromwich on Saturday was an indication of the Tottenham manager's eagerness to see how much Villa have progressed since his side was beaten 2-0 at Villa Park on September 9.

Taylor is guarding against any assumption that the five-point gap is merely waiting to be claimed. "Spurs can beat anyone," he pointed out. "Gary Lineker has done superbly in his first year back in English football, while Paul Gascoigne can do things out there beyond the capability of others. These are players who can win games on their own."

Clearly a key issue is the capacity of Villa players to contend with pressures. Here, the Villa manager remains cool. "We have great maturity in our three centre backs, Mountfield, Nielsen and McGrath," Taylor said.

"You know McGrath won't get uptight. Last Friday night he hadn't realized that the cup-tie with Albion kicked off at 12.30. He was surprised when we told him he needed an early breakfast!"

On trial for World Cup: Gascoigne (left) and Platt . . . 'a good opportunity for people to make their minds up about them.'

Board may change at Upton Park

Michael Wallace, who has spent nearly £1 million buying shares in West Ham United to become the largest single shareholder, is calling for an extraordinary general meeting next month, in a bid to get himself and two colleagues elected to the board (Dennis Signy writes).

Wallace, a businessman with interests in this country and Portugal, wants John Cearns, brother of Len Cearns, the present West Ham chairman, and Geoff Hurst, the former West Ham player and Chelsea manager, to be part of a new boardroom team.

If, as expected, Martin Cearns succeeds his father, Len, who is unwell, as chairman, Wallace will be prepared to work under him. "I don't want to be chairman. I'm not out to juggle a ball on the pitch" he said. "We are not trying to take over. I don't want any blood-letting or any revolution. I don't want to throw everyone out."

Wallace said Hurst would add credibility at the club where morale was "below the floor" and people were "walking around with their chins on the floor".

● Brazil's visit to Wembley to play England next month is expected to bring in gate receipts of over £1 million, a record for an international game at the stadium.

● Steve Bull, Wolverhampton Wanderers' England forward, has been insured for £2 million by the second division club.

● The Netherlands, the European champions, include two newcomers in their squad for tonight's game with Italy in Rotterdam — Richard Witschge, of Ajax, and and Edward Sturing, a defender, from Vitesse Arnhem.

● The traditional match between Scotland and England, which was shelved this season because of the World Cup, could be revived towards the end of the year. The Scottish FA secretary, Ernie Walker, said yesterday that talks on the future of the fixture would resume after the finals in Italy.

● Hereford United have signed the Nottingham Forest forward, Phil Starbuck, on a month's loan. He will make his debut for the fourth division club in tonight's Leyland Daf Cup match against Notts County.

● The former Tottenham Hotspur defender, Paul Miller, has gone on the Bournemouth transfer list only six months after moving from Watford for £50,000.

Redknapp keeps his head down

The Bournemouth chairman, Jim Nolan, is in no mood to release the club manager, Harry Redknapp, if West Ham want him as the successor to Lou Macari.

Nolan, who accused West Ham of "an approach by the back door" when the London club was seeking to replace John Lyall last summer, said yesterday: "Harry has a three-year rollover contract. We intend to honour it — and feel certain he will do the same."

Redknapp, a popular right winger in his playing days at Upton Park, is refusing to respond to the growing speculation.

"I have not been following events at West Ham particularly closely. I have been getting on with my own job here," he said yesterday.

"They will think long and hard before they appoint anyone. Things have gone wrong for them lately and they need time to take stock again. I was at Swindon on Sunday when it all happened but I was only watching the game, nothing more."

Redknapp did confirm that Liverpool have made an inquiry for his son, Jamie, aged 16, but said he was not prepared to consider any offers.

Danger threatens Everton recovery

By Ian Ross and Louise Taylor

Everton, having confounded many of their critics by mastering, for an hour at least, the Omniturf of Oldham Athletic's pitch at the weekend, will seek to continue a revival in fortune on their more trusted surface at Goodison Park tonight.

Although Everton are the clear favourites to move into the last eight of the FA Cup and so lay claim to a tie against Aston Villa, the fifth round replay tonight is fraught with danger, readily acknowledged by Colin Harvey, the Everton manager.

"There is no way that we are thinking that simply because we have brought them back to our ground for a replay, this tie is automatically over," he said. "That would be a foolish thing to do. I think that my players appreciate that this will be another very hard game."

Harvey has been forced to delay naming his starting line-up until shortly before kick-off, as Whiteside, the Northern Ireland international midfield player, is suffering from a groin strain. Southall, the Welsh international goalkeeper, has now recovered from an ankle injury.

Royle has similarly deferred selection, but could be tempted to make changes after admitting, earlier in the week, that some of his players were feeling jaded after a hectic programme.

Tickets for Cambridge United's sell-out fifth round replay with Bristol City are being exchanged at 10 times their face value on the black market. United are unbeaten in the seven matches since John Beck succeeded Chris Turner as manager at the Abbey Stadium.

A visit from Liverpool awaits the winners of the replay between Queen's Park Rangers and Blackpool at Loftus Road. Both teams are likely to be unchanged.

Manchester United are guaranteed a sixth round trip to south Yorkshire: whether it will be to Oakwell or Bramall Lane should be determined tonight, when Barnsley and Sheffield United replay. Barnsley are without the defensive services of Smith, while Whitehouse stands by to join the United attack.

With Crystal Palace the capital's sole remaining FA Cup representatives, London interest tonight will be centred on the Zenith Data Systems cup southern area final, first leg at Selhurst Park, where Crystal Palace meet Chelsea.

CRICKET

Rough end follows a smooth start

From Richard Streeton
Mutare

Michael Atherton and John Stephenson shared a first-wicket stand of 188 after the England A team won the toss against Young Zimbabwe here yesterday, but some of the gloss then vanished as five wickets fell in nine overs before Bicknell and Rhodes removed any question of a collapse.

Nicholas left Young Zimbabwe five overs at the end, and Bruk-Jackson survived a difficult chance against Lawrence to backward short leg. With the temperature exceeding 90°, it was the hottest day of the tour so far. The heat haze, however, detracted nothing from the beauty of the surrounding wooded highlands and adjacent Vumba mountains which mark the troubled border with Mozambique.

Young Zimbabwe's bowling was modest on a docile pitch, but Atherton and Stephenson, played with confidence and a sureness of touch.Stephenson scored the faster in the early stages, but after a slightly more cautious start, Atherton later drew level against bowling which at least had the merit of variety.

Ethan Dube, a rare non-white in senior Zimbabwean cricket, bowled with fire and determination as the pitch lost its early moisture following a great deal of recent rain, and he was supported by a spin attack of Baker, De Preez and Flower. The breakthrough the Zimbabweans desperately wanted came from Crocker, a persevering left-arm seam bowler who unexpectedly took three wickets in nine balls, each time to a catch behind by Briant. First Atherton drove loosely against a wide ball and in the same over Stephenson pushed forward defensively and edged a low catch. Whitaker followed in Crocker's next over.

The first wicket stand lasted 61 overs; Atherton hit a six and 12 fours, Stephenson a six and 11 fours. Crocker also happens to be Zimbabwe's leading international baseball pitcher — his arm, it goes without saying, was always straight on this occasion.

After tea Du Preez took two wickets in successive overs. Nicholas was held at short mid-wicket as he drove off his legs, and Thorpe was unfortunate when he laid into a long hop, the ball struck Bruk-Jackson, at silly point, on the thigh and the bowler was able to take the rebound in the region of mid-off. Bicknell played with as much certainty as anyone as he and Rhodes added 84 attractive runs in 22 overs.

It was an idyllic day's cricket marred only by an inebriated spectator who barged into the players' dressing room after the close and abused both teams. He was removed by security guards, who on this continent are never far away.

ENGLAND A: First innings
J P Stephenson c Briant b Crocker — 90
M A Atherton c Briant b Crocker — 91
*M C J Nicholas c Flower b Du Preez . 9
J J Whitaker c Briant b Crocker — 0
G P Thorpe c and b Du Preez — 7
D J Bicknell not out — 50
†S J Rhodes not out — 32
Extras(lb 4, w 1, nb 10) — 15
Total(for 5 dec) — 294
D R Pringle, D V Lawrence, J A Afford and S L Watkin did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-188, 2-193, 3-198, 4-209, 5-210.
BOWLING: Mackay 15-4-45-0; Dube 12-1-44-0; Crocker 13-0-68-3; Baker 20-4-53-0; Du Preez 15-4-32-2; Flower 17-2-48-0.
YOUNG ZIMBABWE: First innings
G K Bruk-Jackson not out — 0
G Flower not out — 0
Extras (w 2, nb 2) — 4
Total(for no wkt) — 4
*K J Murphy, G Baker, E Dube, J G Du Preez, G J Crocker, C N Evans, A J Mackay, D G Goodwin and †G A Briant to bat.
Umpires: P M Robinson and R Suchet.

English are put to abject flight by Kuiper's brilliance

From John Woodcock, Bloemfontein

Mike Gatting's English XI were put to flight by South Africa here yesterday in the third of their four one-day internationals. In that one of the four banks of lights was not working when the Englishmen set out in pursuit of a target of 302, they did have an excuse for making so sorrowfully few. Long before that, though, they had scattered in all directions before an innings of violent and uncomplicated brilliance from Adrian Kuiper.

Racing to 100 in 49 balls, Kuiper finished with 117, hitting eight sixes and eight fours and suggesting in the process that it might be as well to get a bet on Derbyshire, who have signed him, for one of this year's one-day competitions. The Englishmen's cricket, by contrast, was lacking any sort of distinction.

Towards the end of their time in the field Gatting made the captaincy over to Emburey and went out to the boundary; and when David Graveney, the side's manager, went out to suggest play should be suspended until full lighting was restored, the umpires told him that in their opinion conditions were fit for play. At one end they were palpably not, anyway when facing a bowler of Donald's pace and accuracy.

Kuiper is 5ft 10in tall and strong enough with it to have made light of a slow, low pitch. In this year's Currie Cup he averaged 95 for Western Province, and with the ball moving all over the place in the only full-scale match to have been played between Gatting's side and South Africa his 84 was the decisive innings. He is, in fact, very much more than a slogger.

For a living Kuiper grows apples in the Cape. He was educated at Diocesan College, Rondebosch, where A. W. H. Mallett, once of Oxford University and Kent, was his headmaster, and he has been a long time achieving much consistency.

At Durban on Sunday Kuiper had a difficult time against Barnett, who on that occasion took three for 30 with his leg breaks. So what do you suppose happened now? I will tell you. By the time Barnett was asked to bowl South Africa were 204 for four, Kuiper was 64 and 41 overs had passed.

Three or four times Barnett nearly got him out and once he had him missed, by Athey off a skier. For adopting such extraordinary tactics English captains always have an answer, which may be one of the reasons why we are so ungovernably bad.

SOUTH AFRICA
S J Cook c French b Ellison — 73
H R Fotheringham c and b Gatting — 17
P N Kirsten b Gatting — 40
A P Kuiper b Jarvis — 117
C E B Rice b Gatting — 0
T R Madsen c Broad b Barnett — 18
M W Rushmere not out — 11
D J Cullinan run out — 12
T G Shaw not out — 1
Extras (lb2, w10) — 12
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs) — 301
P S De Villiers and A A Donald did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-128, 3-204, 4-204, 5-277, 6-277, 7-300.
BOWLING: Jarvis 10-1-38-1; Thomas 8-2-33-0; Gatting 9-1-54-3; Ellison 8-0-48-1; Emburey 10-0-57-0; Cowdrey 4-0-23-0; Barnett 8-0-46-1.

ENGLISH XI
B C Broad b De Villiers — 1
K J Barnett b Donald — 1
C W J Athey c Madsen b Rice — 50
*M W Gatting b Donald — 3
M P Maynard b Donald — 0
C S Cowdrey c Fotheringham b Rice — 4
J E Emburey b Shaw — 2
J G Thomas c and b Shaw — 2
†B N French c Madsen b Kuiper — 4
P W Jarvis lbw b Kuiper — 1
R M Ellison not out — 7
Extras — 19
Total — 94
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-8, 3-18, 4-23, 5-30, 6-37, 7-39, 8-57, 9-83.
Umpires: J Peacock and C Mitchley.

Keeping alive an enduring vision

From John Woodcock

When the cricket tour, such as it has been, by Mike Gatting and his side ends in Johannesburg tomorrow, no one is likely to be especially sorry; and although all the same players are contracted to return in November, whether they will, and should, try to do so is very much in dispute.

At the moment Krish Naidoo, secretary of the National Sports Congress (NSC), the somewhat nebulous sporting wing of the African National Congress (ANC), could be said to be calling the shots, and according to him an intrinsic part of last week's compromise, whereby protests orchestrated by the NSC were suspended on the understanding that the cricket programme was curtailed, was the cancellation of next winter's second tour.

Geoff Dakin, president of the South African Cricket Union (SACU), is, for his part, citing the present pace of change in South Africa as sufficient reason for not closing the door on the idea of a return visit by the Englishmen. Dakin was not, in fact, as prominent as he would have liked in the negotiations which led to the compromise, these being handled by Ali Bacher, managing director of the SACU.

It is no secret, either, that Naidoo and Dakin view each other with deep suspicion. Yesterday Naidoo said Dakin was not a part of the agreement and that "that's the end of the matter". The SACU, however, continue to press for a further meeting with the NSC to clear things up.

Mystery surrounds exactly how and why Bacher changed so abruptly from being, for him, distinctly bullish about the future of the tour and then announcing that of the 12 days' cricket remaining on the schedule eight had been cancelled. The initiative for such an apparent *volte face* may have come, I think, from Europe, and originated at a meeting there of senior South African businessmen.

Much concerned by the divisive effect of the adverse publicity which the tour was attracting, they could have used their overseas links with the ANC to bring pressure to bear on the SACU. By way of compensation there may have been an offer to the SACU to make good the heavy financial losses which the accommodation would mean, and which the tour must already have been incurring.

Inevitably, there are members of the board of the SACU who believe it would have been very much better to have completed the itinerary, even if that had meant switching the second five-day match from Cape Town to a less volatile environment, rather than concede the initiative to the NSC. In bringing about compromise Bacher would no doubt have had in mind the future of the township scheme, his own enduring vision.

Imran's final over too testing for Australia

Sydney (AFP) — Australia, needing only four runs from the final over to overtake Pakistan's 220 for eight in a World Series Cup match here yesterday, were foiled by a magnificent effort from Imran Khan.

The Pakistan captain removed O'Donnell with the third ball and Rackemann with the fifth. Alderman swiped at, but missed, the final ball and Pakistan were home by two runs for a victory that is sure to boost their confidence for the WSC finals, for which both sides had already qualified. The best-of-three series begins in Melbourne on Friday.

Saaed Anwar continued where he had left off against Sri Lanka, who won only one match. His 43 runs from 36 balls included a six off Alderman onto the roof of the grandstand.

Moody gave Australia a good start and although Jones and Waugh both failed, O'Donnell's powerful strokeplay took his side to the brink of success before Imran had the final word.

PAKISTAN
Rameez Raja c Moody b Alderman — 3
Saeed Anwar c Waugh b Campbell — 43
Salim Malik c Moody b Rackemann — 67
*Imran Khan c M Taylor b Alderman — 56
Ijaz Ahmed c Waugh b O'Donnell — 9
†Saleem Yousuf lbw b O'Donnell — 5
Aamir Malik b Campbell — 14
Mushtaq Ahmed not out — 17
Waqar Younus run out — 0
Tauseef Ahmed not out — 1
Extras (w2, nb3) 5
Total (8 wkts, 49 overs) — 220
Aaqib Javed did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-74, 3-161, 4-176, 5-184, 6-196, 7-207, 8-218.
BOWLING: Alderman 9-2-46-2 (1nb); Rackemann 10-0-45-1 (1nb, 1w); Campbell 9-0-46-2 (1w); O'Donnell 10-0-32-2 (1nb); Taylor 7-0-28-0; Border 4-0-23-0.
AUSTRALIA
M A Taylor c Yousuf b Waqar — 29
T M Moody st Yousuf b Anwar — 74
D M Jones c Ijaz b Aaqib — 10
*A R Border b Tauseef — 26
S R Waugh st Yousuf b Mushtaq — 3
P L Taylor c Imran b Mushtaq — 14
S P O'Donnell lbw b Imran — 39
†I A Healy run out — 8
G D Campbell not out — 4
C G Rackemann b Imran — 0
T M Alderman not out — 0
Extras (lb5, w6) — 11
Total (9 wkts, 49 overs) — 218
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-58, 3-122, 4-127, 5-159, 6-169, 7-192, 8-218, 9-218.
BOWLING: Imran 7-1-28-2; Waqar 7-0-40-1 (5w); Aaqib 9-0-38-1 (1w); Aamir 3-0-12-0; Tauseef 10-0-33-1, Mushtaq 10-1-46-2; Saaed 3-0-15-1.

Vengsarkar is likely to keep his place

Auckland — *For the decisive third and final Test match starting here tomorrow, India seem likely to take a gamble by including Vengsarkar, who has the pedigree but is sadly out of form (Qamar Ahmed writes).*

In the three innings he has played so far, Vengsarkar, who was flown in as a replacement for the injured Siddhu, has scored only five runs and has faced no more than 14 balls.

Hadlee, Morrison, Snedden and Thomson could be a testing proposition for the Indians, for the head groundsman, Stuart Cameron Lee, said yesterday: "It is a seaming pitch but there should also be plenty in it for the batsmen. We are hoping it will stand the Test well."

NEW ZEALAND (from): J G Wright (capt), T J Franklin, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, J G Bracewell, I D S Smith, R J Hadlee, M C Snedden, D K Morrison, S Thomson.
INDIA (from): M Azharuddin (capt), W V Raman, M Prabhakar, S V Manjrekar, D B Vengsarkar, S R Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, K S More, S L V Raju, A Wasson, N Hirwani, Gursharan Singh, A Sharma.

BOWLS

Bryant's nerve overcomes the pain

The legendary David Bryant's nerve and backbone were again features of his performance on the portable rink at Preston yesterday, but this time in an unfortunately literal sense (David Rhys Jones writes).

If his teeth clenched the famous pipe more firmly than usual, it was to disguise the pain from a sciatic nerve trapped by a slipped disc. The injury had been sustained as he rummaged through the attic of his Clevedon home, searching for a set of winning bowls.

The handicap inspired Bryant to an even higher level of concentration than usual, and brought him the first two sets against Robert McCulloch, aged 34, from Ayrshire.

A three-set win would have suited him well, but the Scot prolonged Bryant's agony, taking the third set 7-4, thanks to some telling strikes.

On a good day for seeded players, the Kent pair, Smith and Thomson, got through their opening game, and Steve Rees, of Swansea, easily beat Nick Donaldson, of Guernsey. However, few of the players were happy at a new restriction imposed by the tournament director, David Harrison.

Visits to inspect the head are no longer permitted until six bowls have been played, and only then when absolutely necessary.

The restriction probably helped Bryant, whose movements were thus forcibly curtailed, but even he appeared confused at times. Descriptive assistance from the presiding official and the availability of courtesy monitors did not seem to satisfy anyone.

RESULTS: First round: A Thomson (Eng) bt M McKeown (Ire), 3-0; G Smith (Eng) bt C Major (NZ), 3-2; S Rees (Wales) bt N Donaldson (Guer) 3-0; D Bryant (Eng) bt R McCulloch (Scot) 3-1.

SWIMMING

Moorhouse incentive

The clash between Adrian Moorhouse, of Leeds, and Ron Dekker, of The Netherlands, two of only three men in the world to have broken one minute for 100 metres breaststroke in a short-course pool, could fetch £10,000 for the victor at Leicester this weekend (Craig Lord writes).

To claim the prize, Moorhouse, the world record holder (1:01.49 in a 50-metre pool) and Olympic champion, or Dekker will need to break the record of 59.30sec set by Dimitri Volkov, of the Soviet Union, 10 days ago in Bonn.

When Dekker accepted an invitation to the Leicester meeting, which doubles as the final World Cup competition and fourth British Milk in Action Grand Prix, Moorhouse held the world best at 59.75sec.

But Moorhouse is likely to be below par, having taken a holiday in New Zealand after the Commonwealth Games.

Also due to compete at Leicester are Rainer Henkel, of West Germany, the reigning world champion at 400 metres and 1500 metres freestyle, Robert Bruce, the Australian individual medley Commonwealth champion, and Manuella Dalla Valle, the European breaststroke bronze medal winner.

MOTOR SPORT

Third Stewart team to be staircase for talent

By a Special Correspondent

Jackie Stewart, three times Formula One world champion, yesterday announced the third lier of his ambitious programme. With backing from Labatt's, of Canada, the brewery company, he is to run two cars in the 1990 International Formula 3000 championship — the stepping stone to Formula One — for John Jones, of Canada, and Andrea Chiesa, the Swiss-Italian.

The team, known as Paul Stewart Racing, after Jackie's son, is already active in Formula Vauxhall Lotus and in Formula Three, where Paul himself drives. Yesterday's announcement will fuel rumours, denied by Stewart, that he is contemplating an eventual return to Formula One, albeit as a team manager.

"We believe we are doing something that's never been done before in motorsport. The whole concept of the programme is what I'd like to think of as a staircase for talent," Stewart said.

Both drivers are experienced race winners. Jones spent the last two seasons in North America's CART Indycar Series, becoming the first Canadian to win the coveted "Rookie of the Year" award and its youngest winner.

Chiesa is an old hand at Formula 3000, winning last year at Enna in Sicily.

● The Fédération Internationale du Sport Automobile has revised the 1990 international Formula 3000 championship. There will now be four races in Britain. The first, at Donington Park, replaces the cancelled non-championship Formula One race.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

Thomas Cup: Group B: Mexico 4, Mauritius 1 (F De La Torre, Mex, bt Geenesh Dussain, 15-6, 15-5; J M Duveree, Mauritius, bt E Tapia, 18-16, 7-15, 17-16; E De La Torre, Mex, bt G Allex, 15-11, 15-1; F De La Torre and E De La Torre, Mex, bt G Dussain and G Allex, 15-7, 15-12; L Ruiz and E Tapia, Mex, bt J M Duveree and S Chung Teen Chiong, 15-8, 15-2. Uber Cup: Group A: Australia 5, Mexico 0 (A Lee bt M De La Paz Luna, 11-1, 11-1; R Casar bt C Cruz, 11-6, 11-7; T Small bt M Rojas, 11-1, 11-1; T Small and L Bryant bt M De La Paz Luna and G Melgosa, 15-0, 15-3; L Best and D Powell bt C Cruz and M Rojas, 15-2, 15-5. Singapore 3, Sri Lanka 2 (Z Abdullah, Sing, bt S Deepika, 11-1, 11-4; C L Siong, Sing, bt Y Liyanage, 11-4, 11-4; K Dissanayaka, Sri Lanka, bt Soo Chiew Meng, Sing, 12-10, 11-6; I Lee Hwee Hwee and Choy Lang Siong, Sing, bt S Deepika and N Senevirathne, 15-9, 15-6; K Dissanayaka and Y Liyanage, Sri Lanka, bt Z Abdullah and Soo Chiew Meng, 15-10, 15-5. Group B: Macao 3, Nepal 2 (Io Chao Leng, Macao, bt R Joshi, 11-4, 11-2; K Rana, Nepal, bt Choi Sok Chang, 11-0, 5-11, 11-8; Kong Wai Quan, Macao, bt R Shrestha, 11-5, 11-6; R Shrestha and S Shrestha, Nepal, bt Lee Wong Sau Her and Yeung Sai Ip, 15-2, 17-14; Io Chao Leng and Cho Sok Cheng, Macao, bt K Rana and R Joshi, 15-1, 15-7.
GLASGOW: Scotland Under-21 2, British Police 9.

RUGBY FIVES

BEDFORD: Old Bedfordians (G P C Saunders, J R Banta, G R Hendry, M C Daniel) bt East of England (K H Cobb, M Cavanagh, S J Rock, P S Walsh) 142-57.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Swinton 22, St Helens 8.

CYCLING

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Tour of the Americas: Fourth stage (147 kms): A Tafi (It), 3hr 36min 01sec; 2, Y Monsiaux (Ven).
BIANCAVILLA: Sicilian Week road race. Fourth stage: 1, C Chiappucci (It), 4:39hr; 2, M Fondriest (It), 14sec behind; 3, S Rooks (Neth), 15sec; 4, G J Theunisse (Neth), same time; 5, G Pierobon (It), 17sec; 6, E Rocchi (It); 7, J C Leclercq (Fr); 8, M Sciandri (It); 9, A Chiurato (It); 10, B Van Bracom (Bel), all in the same time. Overall: 1, S Rooks (Neth), 16hr, 51:19min; 2, R Sorensen (Den), 5sec; 3, Chiappucci, 9sec; 4, Theunisse, 11; 5, J Talen (Neth), 18; 6, (tie) M Fondriest (It) and M Giannetti (It), 19; 8, A Canzonari (It), 22; 9, R Kiesel (US), 23sec.

FOOTBALL

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Charlton Athletic 2, Luton Town 0.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 1, Merthyr Tydfil 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Leicester 1, Aston Villa 0; Sheffield United 1, Manchester City 0.
FA VASE: Fifth round: Abingdon Town v Hythe Town. Postponed (being played February 21, 7.45).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland Division: Nuneaton Borough 3, Banbury Utd 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: First division: Yeovil Town v Calne Town, postponed.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Watford 2 Tottenham Hotspur 2 (to be replayed).
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth Round: Bangor v Hereford, postponed.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Second round: Epsom and Ewell 1 Woking 2.
OTHER MATCH: Lincoln City 2, Moscow Torpedo 1.
Capital Finance and Leasing SW Counties League: AFC Bournemouth 2, Hereford Utd 0; Plymouth Argyle 0, Bristol City 0.

BOXING

GLASGOW: WBA international light-welterweight championship: Timmy Burgess (US) bt Bozon Haule (London), pts.

SQUASH RACKETS

OASIS EAST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS. Finals: Men. C Robertson (Aus) bt T Nancarrow (Australia) 9-1, 9-1, 9-2. Women: S Horner (Yorkshire) bt M Le Moignan (Hampshire) 9-3, 9-7, 3-9, 9-4.
CARDIFF: Laskes Welsh Squash classic. Final qualifying round: (English unless stated): M Cairns bt D Meddings, 15-8, 15-12, 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt D Poole, 15-11, 15-7, 13-15, 15-7; S Qaiser (Pak) bt R Owen 15-11, 8-15, 8-15, 15-7, 15-9; P Carter bt J Ransome, 16-17, 15-10, 12-15, 15-10, 15-14; A Adcraige (Sp) bt P Peddemen (Fin), 15-7, 15-5, 15-8; S Parke bt S Elopuro (Fin), 15-12, 15-12, 14-17, 15-6; A Schreiber (Aus) bt M Bodmeade, 17-14, 11-15, 15-11, 15-11; J Nicolle bt C Keith (Sco), 15-10, 15-11, 15-10.
INTER COUNTY OVER 35 CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Yorkshire 2, Devon 2; Kent 3, Surrey 2. Final: Yorkshire 3, Kent 2.

TENNIS

CROYDON: LTA Men's Satellite tournament: First round: M Barnard (SA) bt J Leclerc (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; C Caratti (It) bt B Walters (US), 6-4, 6-4; D Botha (SA) bt S Soulie (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; R Eriksson (Swe) bt C Bailey (Norfolk), 6-3, 4-6, 2-1 rtd; C Banducci (It) bt J Muller (WG), 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; C Schmid (WG) bt J Southcombe (Devon), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Petchey (Essex) bt C Wilkinson (Hants), 6-4, 6-2; D Ison (Lancs) bt U Ngenga (Norfolk), 6-1, 6-1; M Christensen (Den) bt C Johnson (US), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
STUTTGART: ATP tournament: First round: M Strelba (Cz) bt J Arrese (Sp) 7-5, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt M Stich (WG) 7-6, 7-5; P Kuehnen (WG) bt T Muster (Austria) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; G Prpic (Yug) bt K Novacek (Cz) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; M Mecir (Cz) bt R Agenor (Haiti) 7-5, 6-4.
PHILADELPHIA: Indoor tournament: First round: J Fleurian (Fr) bt K Flach 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt B Pearce 7-5, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Neth) bt J Poder (Fr) 6-3, 6-4; M Srejber (Cz) bt J Wohrmann (WG) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; K Evernden (NZ) bt J Brown (US), 6-3, 7-5; M Kratzman (Aus) bt B Pierce (US) 7-5, 6-4; P Korda (Cz) bt L Duncan (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Szmejder (Can) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-2, 4-6, 7-6; D Goldie (US) bt P Chamberlain (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Garner (US) bt D Cassidy (US), 7-5, 2-6, 7-5; M Schapers (Neth) bt D Cahill (Aus), 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; D Rostagno (US) bt M Washington (US), 7-6, 5-7, 7-6; G Layendecker (US) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; T Wilkison (US) bt R Leach (US), 6-4, 7-6.
MANCHESTER: LTA Women's tournament: Second round: E Callens (Bel) bt M Anderson (SA), 7-5, 6-1; A Thomas (Fr) bt K Rickett (Warwicks), 6-1, 7-5; N Bell (WG) bt N Ericsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; I Pelzer (WG) bt A Nagel (Lancs), 6-3, 7-6; S Begerow (Neth) bt C Marty (Switz), 6-1, 6-1; C Wuthrich (Bel) bt C Hall (Dorset), 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; K Hand (Berks) bt A Vanbouren (Neth), 6-4, 6-4; G Cocksegge (Neth) bt V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) 6-4, 6-1.
WASHINGTON: Virginia Slims tournament. First round: L Ferrando (It) bt E Rosalies (US), 6-0, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt D Van Rensburg (US), 6-1, 4-6, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (US), 3-6, 6-2, 7-6; H Cioffi (US) bt J Ingram (US), 6-3, 6-3; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt S Hanika (WG), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; N Provis (Aus) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-3, 7-6; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt S Hanika (WG), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; S Martin (US) bt K Adams (US), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5.
OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: First round: B Schultz (Neth) bt L Allen (US), 6-1, 6-4; R Reggi (It) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; E Inoue (Japan) bt M Jaeger (GB), 6-2, 6-3; N Miyagi (Japan) bt C MacGregor (US), 6-2, 7-5; A Minter (Aus) bt M Werdel (US) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; R White (US) bt T Whitlinger (US) 7-6, 7-6; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-1, 5-3; M L Daniels (US) bt W White (US), 6-3, 6-4.

SNOOKER

Problems off the table affect Francisco's form

By Steve Acteson

Silvino Francisco, who is on police bail to reappear before officers of Scotland Yard's Serious Crimes Squad in early March, over allegations of match-rigging, yesterday was beaten 5-4 by the second-season professional, Tony Wilson, in the last-64 stage of the Pearl Assurance British Open in Derby.

Francisco, from South Africa, won the title in 1985, but has been in steady decline ever since. Yesterday, he led 2-0, but ultimately needed a break of 60 to force a deciding frame, in which he missed his one chance of victory, on the deciding black. "It has all been playing on my mind," Francisco said. "When I got out there, my mind was wandering and it certainly wasn't on the snooker."

Yesterday's success puts Wilson, aged 25, from the Isle of Man, in the last 32 of a ranking tournament for only the second time.

Dean Reynolds, last year's runner-up, accelerated after falling 2-0 behind against Tony Chappel, of Wales, courtesy of seven noteable breaks. Chappel managed 18 points in the third-to-last frame, and none at all in the last two.

RESULTS: Third round (England unless stated): D Reynolds bt A Chappel (Wales), 5-2; R Williams bt E Sinclair (Scot), 5-3; M Rowing bt W Jones (Wales), 5-4; A Wilson bt S Francisco (SA), 5-4. Monday's late results: A Drago (Malta) bt S Longworth 5-0; P Brown (Eire) bt J Virgo, 5-1; S Duggan bt J Parrott, 5-1; L Dodd bt C Wilson (Wales), 5-3.
TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: Third round (best of nine frames): 1pm: D Taylor (N Ire) v D Fowler; N Foulds v I Graham; P Francisco v Dwd Taylor; J Johnson gains a bye over J Whych (Can) — scratched. 7pm: C Thorburn (Can) v T Murphy (N Ire) D Mountjoy (Wales) v N Terry; S Hendry (Scotland) v D Morgan (Wales); J White v J Spencer.

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Wightman Cup may not survive suspension

Jones: times have changed

By Andrew Longmore

The future of the Wightman Cup, the eldest, quaintest and most one-sided tennis tournament in the women's calendar, was thrown into severe doubt yesterday.

A joint statement by the tennis associations of Britain and the United States announced that the 62nd Wightman Cup, scheduled for the Albert Hall, London, had been cancelled and that the competition had been "suspended pending further study".

Only time will tell whether that is a euphemism for ending an event which, during most of its 67-year history, had been as much about tradition and pageantry as winning or losing. But clearly the Lawn Tennis Association has bowed to the depressing weight of statistics and admitted defeat with the overall score at United States 51, Great Britain 10.

"We are very sorry that it has become necessary to suspend the Wightman Cup," the LTA president, Ron Presley, said. "But, unfortunately, the current disparity of the rankings between the players of our two countries in recent years has meant that the event has become uncompetitive."

No one who witnessed the most recent debacle, at Williamsburg last September, Britain's eleventh defeat in a row and the fourth 7-0 whitewash in five years, could argue with those sentiments. But the reality could not hide the sense of sadness felt yesterday by two of Britain's Wightman Cup veterans.

Ann Jones played 32 matches in singles and doubles in the Wightman Cup, more than anyone except Virginia Wade and Chris Evert. She still felt great affection for the tournament yet, having sat at the side of the court as captain of the last British team, she was also acutely aware that times have changed.

"Yes, I'm sad that the event has been suspended because I enjoyed some of my best times in the Wightman Cup and I think the tradition of it becomes more important as the professional game moves further away from its roots," she said. "But in this day and age, when there are so many tournaments and the players are travelling so much, anyway, is there a validity in holding the event?

"It could be good for the players but they have be better. You can enjoy it a lot more if you know it's going to be close. I just hope it will continue in some form."

Christine Janes, who played 27 matches in 13 ties, was part of the team which, in 1958, ended the longest losing sequence in the history of the cup. Britain did not win one tie from 1931 to 1957 but, apart from the war years, there was no thought of cancellation.

"It was different from any other week of the year because you were representing your country and playing in a team," she said. "It was played at Wimbledon at the height of the summer and royalty came to watch, so it was a great occasion.

"It was something to aim for as well. Wimbledon and the Wightman Cup; those were the two great events in the calendar for us. Maybe I'm just getting old but I don't think you should end an event just because you're losing. Is that progress?"

The answer is "no" but the reality is that the cup, a tall silver vase first presented by Mrs Wightman in 1923, has become devalued not just by Britain's heavy defeats but by the recent attitude of the British players. To be honest, it is now considered a dubious privilege to be thrashed by an American third team simply for the honour of your country.

So what is the future for the Wightman Cup? The impetus for the suspension has come from this side of the Atlantic.

The Americans would be quite happy to continue winning for another 11 years. But there are other ideas in the wind.

One of the more persistent is to copy the Ryder Cup and make the match Europe v US. Unfortunately, Britain would not have anyone in the team and so the original concept, which the Americans, in particular, are anxious to maintain, would be lost.

Another, and more appealing, idea is that it should become an event for juniors and over-35s.

The ideal, of course, would be for Britain to produce some decent players over the next few years and make it a contest again. But the fear is that reviving the whole show might be much harder than cancelling it, however good the intentions of both associations to find a new format.

"I feel there is a place for it in the game," Nancy Jeffett, who has been chairman of the Wightman Cup committee of the US Tennis Association for many years, said. "I hope the suspension is only temporary because the Wightman Cup is part of the history of women's tennis."

END COLUMN

Going for a Burton ticket

By David Hands and Louise Taylor

As the Rugby Football Union began the task of tracing the original sources of black market tickets sold for last Saturday's England-Wales international at Twickenham, a leading supplier of illicitly acquired tickets defended the ethics of his corporate hospitality business yesterday.

"I do not know what the fuss is all about," Mike Burton, the former England and Lions forward, insisted. "The RFU has known for many years that we take about 1,000 people to Twickenham, or to Cardiff, or to Parc des Princes.

"They are very happy when it is away games because their ticket allocation for those matches is limited, anyway. But when we go to Twickenham, we are one of the baddies."

The morality of the long-established black market in international tickets was thrown into the spotlight last week when 900 of Burton's international tickets were returned by the police after his former accountant at Mike Burton Management had stolen them in order to "expose a massive can of worms."

Expulsion threat for ticket trading

Under RFU rules, international-match tickets, which are always oversubscribed, are distributed through affiliated clubs and schools. The RFU recommends the expulsion of members found "trading" in tickets.

Any school or club whose allocation finds its way to the black market and is subsequently traced via the serial numbers automatically has its allocation withdrawn.

In reality, relatively few are caught "trading," and with rates of up to £500 for a pair of seats available to sellers, tickets are often sold on in order to finance a club tour or buy a piece of equipment.

Such tickets are bought by men like Burton, who typically resell them to companies wanting to entertain clients in a corporate hospitality package, built around a big sporting event.

In this instance, the police have kept copies of the serial numbers on the tickets, and the RFU had hoped they would pass them on to Twickenham, thus enabling the original clubs and associations to be traced.

However, after a meeting with police yesterday, an RFU spokesman said: "We do not expect that the police will pass the tickets on, they are not their property to hand over."

Nevertheless a team of three RFU officials is tracing around 80 serial numbers of tickets passed to them by spectators who bought on the black market. "We are pleased with our rate of success," the spokesman added.

Burton is not bothered. "The fact that the tickets were stolen, and that the police have the reference numbers, is not a worry at all. Does the RFU think that I get the tickets from the same people every year? It is laughable.

"I have got more people offering me tickets this year than ever before, people I have never heard of. As for passing on the ticket numbers, Dudley Wood must remember he is only the RFU secretary. He is not the Pope. Is he asking Gloucester police to misuse their powers and act as agents for the RFU?"

Paying £500 for a pair of seats

The flourishing nature of the black market is illustrated by the relative ease with which Burton was able to replace his stolen tickets in the fortnight before Saturday's match.

"The tickets were returned very late, but we did all right. Once we knew they had been stolen, we went out and bought between 450 and 500 at top black market rates — paying around £500 for a pair of seats, any seats.

"Our main concern was the people who had booked with us, that they got into the match and had a nice day. We lost a few bob, but it increased business because a lot went on to book Scotland-England."

Burton's organization is fully booked for the Calcutta Cup match on March 17, when some 750 clients will watch Scotland play England in Edinburgh. He is also organizing hospitality for about 400 when Wales play Scotland in Cardiff on March 3 and says he is "surprised" at the strong demand for the Ireland-Wales international in Dublin on March 24.

SFA tightens rules on Italy

By a Special Correspondent

The club versus country issue, which raised its head again during Scotland's fact-finding trip to Genoa a fortnight ago, should have been settled in Glasgow yesterday by Ernie Walker, the secretary of the Scottish Football Association (SFA). Walker announced that the international committee had decided that any player missing any of Scotland's preparations for this summer's World Cup finals, be it a game or other related activities, would rule himself out of a trip to Italy — unless he has an acceptable reason for withdrawal.

In addition, injured players will have to turn up at the point of departure, with a doctor's certificate in hand, unless they have been advised by their own physician against travelling. Anyone missing an international match who then plays for his club side within five days will find himself disqualified from participating in Italy.

The SFA's stance comes only 10 days after the non-appearance of Jim Leighton and Brian McClair, the Manchester United pair, and, more particularly, of Gary Gillespie and Steve Nicol, the Liverpool duo.

Walker said that the international committee had steered clear of "moving the goal posts" during the qualifying rounds. However, now that the Scots had qualified for their fifth successive finals, they were determined to take the matter out of the hands of the national coach.

Walker said that Scotland's efforts in reaching the finals could come to nothing if players were withdrawn "willy nilly". "As recently as the weekend before last, you will know that a number of players were called out of our party for no apparent reason," Walker said. "It seemed to be that individuals thought that it wasn't a good idea, and that Scotland didn't need them and certainly didn't get them. For that to be repeated by the clubs concerned, who are, of course, entitled to do what they want with their players, we would simply say 'good luck', but these players will not be in Italy."

Heath renews his link with Kendall

Howard Kendall, the manager of Manchester City, has signed another player who served him well when he was in charge at Everton. Yesterday he paid Aston Villa £300,000 for the signature of Adrian Heath, having previously brought in former Goodison Park stalwarts in Peter Reid, Alan Harper and Wayne Clarke.

Heath, aged 29, completed the formalities of his move to Maine Road less than 24 hours after Kendall had contacted Graham Taylor, his Villa counterpart, to discuss the player's availability.

Heath spent six years at Everton after being bought by Kendall from Stoke City for £700,000 in January 1982. He left the Merseyside club in 1988 to join Español but returned to England in August last year when Villa paid the Spanish club £360,000 for his services. He has been unable to command a place in the successful Villa team since the early part of the season.

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Malcolm pushes his claims

From Alan Lee
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The good news for England at Sabina Park yesterday, was that Devon Malcolm indicated he may yet prove the selectors right, rather than the cynics who view his inclusion here as attacking a swarm of angry bees with a fly swotter.

The bad news, with the first Test now only three days distant, is that rumours of the death of this notorious pitch may have been greatly exaggerated. If Malcolm could make one ball lift and the next scuffle through ankle-high, the prospect of facing Marshall, Bishop, Patterson and Walsh on Saturday morning is not a guaranteed lullaby for England's batsmen.

There is still a distinctly darker tinge to the Test pitch, adjacent to the one presently being used, and that will not necessarily change. This opening Test is as psychologically important to West Indies, who want their fast bowlers to re-impose a mental hold, as it is for England, whose priority is simply to deny them.

It was only yesterday that the pitch's behaviour was properly examined. In Test terms, Monday's play was irrelevant for, although Graham Gooch indulged himself voraciously, nobody else managed even 50 against bowling so dissimilar to anything England will face at the weekend tha it might have been designed to deceive.

England's batting was wasteful, some showing woeful technique against slow bowling, both in defence and attack. This may scarcely matter during the rest of the tour, but the way they played was yet more evidence in support of four-day county cricket which, for parochial and myopic reasons, the clubs now seem about to reject.

Yesterday's play was always destined to be more significant, with England trying out the restricted four-man attack they are increasingly favouring for Test duty, and Malcolm taking a specific stride into the unknown. If ever he is to fulfill the lofty hopes invested in him it is here and in his shy, slightly gawkish way, he knows it.

It must have been a moving moment for him, opening the England bowling on his native island, but while the ball was hard he maintained a good line and a vigorous pace.

Morgan, who is probably deputy behind the established West Indian opening pair of Greenidge and Haynes, found himself ducking in some haste, while his partner Samuels was twice struck on the body.

This square has twice been relaid since England were beaten by 10 wickets here in 1986, and its most recent characteristic is to keep low. Patterson, for instance, has taken a very high proportion of his wicket this season with leg-before verdicts against batsmen shaping for more bounce.

The first Jamaican wicket was claimed by Fraser, committing Morgan to a shot and leaving him just enough of the pitch to take the outside edge. Morgan, however, was the only right-hander in the Jamaican top four and Fraser was somehow disorientated by the change of line. He began dropping persistently short, conceded 28 runs in four overs and retired to fine leg looking thoroughly out of sorts.

Capel replaced him and looked grateful for the early opportunity. So often he has bowled for England in a lost cause, but now he took two wickets in his first four overs, bowling Samuels round his legs and having Kennedy caught behind. Staple, one of two teenagers in the Jamaican top five, then launched an ambitious pull at an off-side short ball from Malcolm and Capel, still in the action, took the catch at third man.

Adams looked the most accomplished of the Jamaicans until running himself out, and when Davidson was acrobatically caught by Hussain at cover, the island team were in dire trouble at 128 for six.

ENGLAND 405 (G A Gooch 239; D S Morgan 4-31).

JAMAICA

D Morgan c Russell b Fraser	10
R G Samuels b Capel	41
N Kennedy c Russell b Capel	22
R Staple c Capel b Malcolm	6
C A Davidson c Hussain b Fraser	14
J Adams run out	27
R C Haynes not out	2
L Williams not out	1
Extras	5
Total (6 wkts)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-62, 3-81, 4-88, 5-117, 6-128.

Congratulations: the England team produces a cake to help Eddie Hemmings celebrate his 41st birthday yesterday

Cricket loss

Leicestershire County Cricket Club made a loss last season — for the first time in 20 years — of £3,186. Northamptonshire, however, reported a profit of £53,385 and Sussex announced a record of £100,264 in their 150th year.

World record falls

By Simon Wilde

Amid scenes of higher farce than can ever have been seen previously on a first-class cricket field, Lee Germon, a batsman with Canterbury playing in New Zealand's Shell Trophy, yesterday claimed for himself one of the game's most hallowed records.

Facing a succession of no-balls from Wellington's Robert Vance, the Test batsman, designed to renew Canterbury's interest in the match, Germon hit eight sixes and five fours during an over occupying 22 balls, in the course of which 77 runs were conceded.

The previous world record for runs (36) and six hits (six) off an over was shared belonged to Gary Sobers (for Nottinhamshire v Glamorgan at Swansea in 1968) and Ravi Shastri (for Bombay against Gujerat at Bombay in 1984-85).

The tactics were instigated by the Wellington captain, Ervin McSweency, whose team were pursuing victory in the match at Christchurch to ensure they took the trophy. Canterbury, chasing 291 to win, were 196 for eight, when Vance bowled the penultimate over of the match.

Without using a run-up, Vance lobbed the ball up to the batsmen. In the ensuing plethora of no-balls, the umpires lost count of the legitimate deliveries and the over ended after only five legal deliveries.

In the final over, Evan Gray, the former Test left-arm spinner, adopted similar tactics to Vance, conceding another 17 runs, five from deliberate no-balls, but amid all confusion neither the official scorers nor the scoreboard attendants were able to keep pace with the scoring. It was 8.40pm before all the official figures were available, when it transpired Canterbury were two runs short of victory with Gray still required to bowl two legitimate balls.

SPORT IN BRIEF

S African ban stands

Kuwait (AP) — Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, dismissed reforms in South Africa as cosmetic and said the sports ban against the country will not be relaxed.

After a meeting in Kuwait with the IOC apartheid and Olympic commission, and later with representatives of a United Nations anti-apartheid commission, he said: "The ingredients for eradicating apartheid have not been lifted, therefore the international sanctions should be maintained to pressure South Africa to lift its policy of apartheid."

Select choice

The Olympic silver medallist, John Treacey, has been preselected to compete for Ireland in the European championship marathon in Yugoslavia on September 1. Treacey, who finished second at the Los Angeles Games, was second in the Tokyo marathon last week.

Woodhall: hopes raised

Hutchings out

Tim Hutchings, the world cross-country championship silver medallist, has recovered from the virus that wrecked his Commonwealth Games 5000 metres hopes, but he has decided to miss Saturday's national cross-country championship at Leeds to concentrate on his build-up towards the World cross-country trial in Glasgow on March 11.

Parke's avenue

Simon Parke, England's youngest international player, has qualified to meet Umar Hayat Khan, the world No. 6, from Pakistan, in the first round of the £50,000 Leekes Welsh Classic that starts at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff today. Parke, aged 17, defeated Sami Elopuro, the Finnish No. 1, in the qualifying finals on Monday.

Boxing deal

Richie Woodhall, the Commonwealth Games light-middleweight boxing champion, has recieved a sponsorship grant worth £1,000 from a Midlands businessman towards his Olympic aspirations. He has rejetced an offer to turn professional. but requires £15,000 to keep to his training schedule.

Extended run

The London Marathon will be screened by BBC for the next five years. Both parties reached agreement on a new deal today which begins with this year's race on Sunday April 22.

Maiden is fastest of the smaller yachts

By Barry Pickthall

Steinlager 2 and Fisher & Paykel, the two rival New Zealand ketches leading the Whitbread Round the World Race, are expected to round Cape Horn today, 17 days after leaving Auckland, on the fourth stage of this global classic.

One hundred miles behind them is a closely matched group of five yachts led by Alain Gabbay's French flyer, Charles Jourdan, which was credited by the Argos satellite monitoring system to have overtaken Britain's leading challenger, Rothmans, overnight.

There was no word yesterday on the condition of Michele Paret, who suffered a bad back injury on Tuesday. Tim Madge, a member of Maiden's shore team has travelled to Cape Horn and is preparing emergency plans with the Chilean Navy to lift Paret off the yacht if she has not recovered by the time the boat rounds the Cape.

The only welcome news was the speed of Maiden's progress overnight. The British yacht averaged 10.9 knots between satellite sweeps yesterday, the fastest recorded among the smaller yachts, showing a determination to reduce the 136 mile lead now held by Patrick Tabarly's French yacht, L'Esprit de Liberté.

LEADING POSITIONS (compiled at 14:59 GMT yesterday with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Maxi division: 1, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 1,605 miles; 2, Fisher & Paykel (G Dalton, NZ), 1,626; 3, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 1,710; 4, Rothmans (L Smith, GB), 1,720; 5, UBF Finland (L Ingval, Fin), 1,738; 6, Merit (P Fehlmann, Switz), 1,761; 7, Marteia OF (M Wilkert, Fin), 1,778; 8, Fazisi (S Novak, USSR), 1,922; 9, Belmont Finland (H Harkimo, Fin), 1,931; 10, The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 1,945; 11, NCB Ireland (J English, Ire), 1,952; 12, Satquote British Defender (Cdr C Watkins, GB), 1,953; 13, Fortuna (J Santana, Sp), 1,954; 14, Gatorade (G Falck, It), 2,218; 15, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 1,985. Division 2: 1, Equity & Law (D Nauna, Nzl), 2,473. Division 3: 1, L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 2,473; 2, Schlussel von Bremen, (R Persch, WG), 2,588; 3, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 2,609; 4, La Poste (B Malle, Fr), 2,794; 5, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 4,402. Cruiser division: 1, Greightons Naturally (J Crittenden, GB), 2,171; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 2,291.

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